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3 FROM SAME FAMILY DROWN

By AMIR RAZAVI

THREE members of the same family died and a fourth was fighting for life last night after they got into difficulty in the sea.

Rescuers hauled the four from the water off Shoreham, West Sussex. A young girl was in a critical condition.

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CAMILLA ON KING'S CANCER

Look at my husband ..nothing stopped him

By ED SOUTHGATE

QUEEN Camilla has praised King Charles for showing remarkable courage in standing up to cancer.

Told he was an inspiration to others, she declared: "Look at my husband. Nothing stopped him."

She also opened up about her anguish on a 2024 visit to cancer charity Maggie's — when she had to keep quiet about his illness before it was made public.

The King's cancer treatment is understood to be continuing in a positive direction.

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ANNUAL BOOST FOR FAMILIES

KEMI ECO PLAN TO SAVE BRITS £540

FAMILIES could be £540 a year better off if Britain ditches the dash for a fully Net Zero power grid, says Kemi Badenoch.

Scrapping the drive would save £320billion over 20 years, according to the Tories.

A report by the party today reveals using more nuclear and gas, and fewer renewables, would

By MARTINA BET

cut electricity system costs by up to almost a third by 2050.

And the electricity generated would still be nearly 80 per cent cleaner.

Tory leader Kemi Badenoch's Shadow Energy Secretary Claire Coutinho is to present the findings of the report by think-tank Onward and energy advisers Transira Energy.

It says the price of wind and solar fail to reflect extra costs loaded on bills such as pylons, cables and back-up generation when the wind does not blow.

She will blast former Energy Secretary Ed Miliband's Clean Power 2030 target for trying to remove carbon from electricity generation no matter the cost.

She will also accuse him of axing a full costing of renewable power which she commissioned when Energy Secretary.

She will add: "Conservatives are not in denial about climate change, it's the Left who are in denial about the fact their climate policy is failing."

The legally-binding target to hit Net Zero by 2050 was introduced by the Tories in 2019. Mrs Badenoch, *left*, says doing so would be impossible without bankrupting Britain.

New Energy Secretary Miatta Fahnbulleh said the Tories would "tie Britain to the fossil fuel roller-coaster and keep bills higher for families".

● **GREEN** tycoon and Labour donor Dale Vince says PM Andy Burnham should get drilling in the Jackdaw and Rosebank North Sea oil and gas fields as it "makes more sense" than importing fuel.

The Sun Says, and Kemi Badenoch — Page Ten

Setback . . . for the PM

Workers blow for Burnham

By MARTINA BET

UNEMPLOYMENT has stayed high and workers on payrolls fell – denting Andy Burnham's bid to get Britain working.

The jobless rate stayed at 4.9 per cent in the three months to June – despite experts expecting it to fall to 4.8 per cent.

And the monthly rate rose 0.8 per cent to 5.4 per cent from May to June – its highest since 2020 and the biggest monthly jump in 13 years.

Meanwhile, the number of payrolled workers fell by 13,000 and vacancies tumbled to 707,000, their lowest level since 2021.

The Tories claim 160,000 vacancies and 188,000 payroll jobs have gone under Labour.

Shadow Chancellor Mel Stride called it "nothing short of a jobs crisis".

PM: No leaks in text dupe

By TOM SCOTSON

ANDY Burnham has insisted he was not embarrassed to have been duped by a fraudster posing as US President Donald Trump's chief of staff.

He said he exchanged just a few messages with the Susie Wiles impersonator and claimed that no secrets were leaked.

The PM said: "I handled it in the right way.

"There was a minimal exchange of information of zero consequence."

It is not the first time a major UK politician has been duped.

Ex-PM Lord David Cameron took a call with someone impersonating ex-Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko in 2024.

SPITFIRE SOARS

By ZARA QURESHI

A WORLD War Two Spitfire takes to the skies over the English coast — 85 years after it first left the production line.

The AB910, which flew 143 operations in the conflict, was on a practice run.

It flew, with another and a Dakota US transport aircraft, *below*, as part of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight during the Eastbourne International Airshow.

Picture: RAF / SWNS

No-home sleep 'fix'

ANDY Burnham has pledged to offer every rough sleeper a route off the streets by Christmas.

The PM is to spend £442million on emergency accommodation and long-term support in England.

He will convene a summit of charities in a bid to end rough sleeping.

The former Manchester mayor, who failed to reduce rough sleeping there long-term, said: "No one should have to bed down in a doorway."

FRENCH WANT MORE BORDER CASH

A FRENCH politician in charge of the area around Calais has demanded British taxpayers cough up even more cash to send across the Channel.

Xavier Bertrand, regional president of Hauts-de-France, branded the UK a "permanent attraction for migrants".

He demanded the 2003 Le Touquet deal – which allows

By THOMAS GODFREY

UK Border Force officers to work in France, and vice-versa – be "paid in its full price".

Mr Bertrand compared the French coast to Ceuta, where 72,000 migrants stormed the border last month, and blamed Britain for camps and smugglers by the sea. In a French newspaper, he said France should be given the power to suspend the agreement if Britain fails to deliver on deportations and smashing smuggling gangs.

It comes months after Britain agreed to give France £662million. The UK has spent or pledged more than £1billion since 2023 but French cops only stop a third of crossings. Mr Bertrand has previously said the British state was to blame for the crisis for "failing to enforce its own regulations".

Mr Bertrand's office and the Home Office were both approached for comment.

More than 3,000 migrants have crossed the Channel since Andy Burnham took office on July 20.

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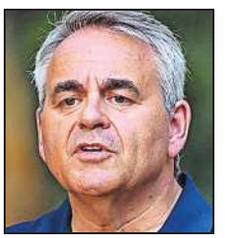

Criticism . . . Bertrand

Axed for Nigel rap

A TOP Reform UK member has been suspended for claiming leader Nigel Farage was "not good" if interviewed by women.

Tim Montgomerie, the founder of Conservative-Home website, also told a podcast for political mag The Spectator that home affairs spokesman Zia Yusuf sometimes acted "like a child".

Mr Montgomerie, who joined Reform two years ago, said he had "no regrets" and will appeal.

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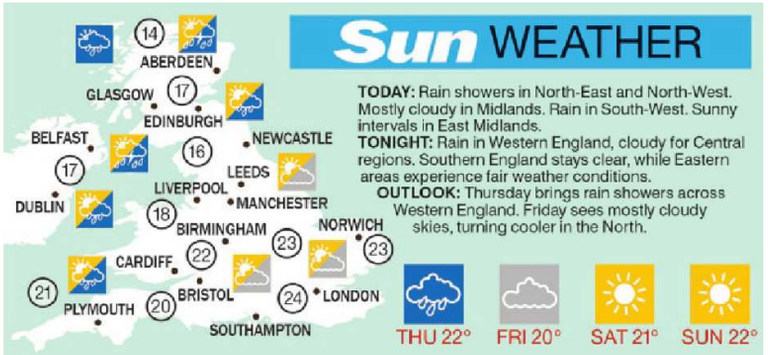

TODAY: Rain showers in North-East and North-West. Mostly cloudy in Midlands. Rain in South-West. Sunny intervals in East Midlands.

TONIGHT: Rain in Western England, cloudy for Central regions. Southern England stays clear, while Eastern areas experience fair weather conditions.

OUTLOOK: Thursday brings rain showers across Western England. Friday sees mostly cloudy skies, turning cooler in the North.

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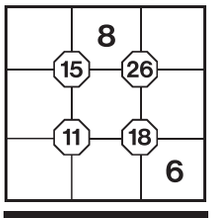

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

ACTORS **SIMON BIRD, 42,** *left*, and **JIM CARTER, 78,** royal expert **JENNIE BOND, 76,** *right*, former US President **BILL CLINTON, 80,** Queen bassist **JOHN DEACON, 75,** and Ipswich Town's **FLORENTINO LUIS, 27.**

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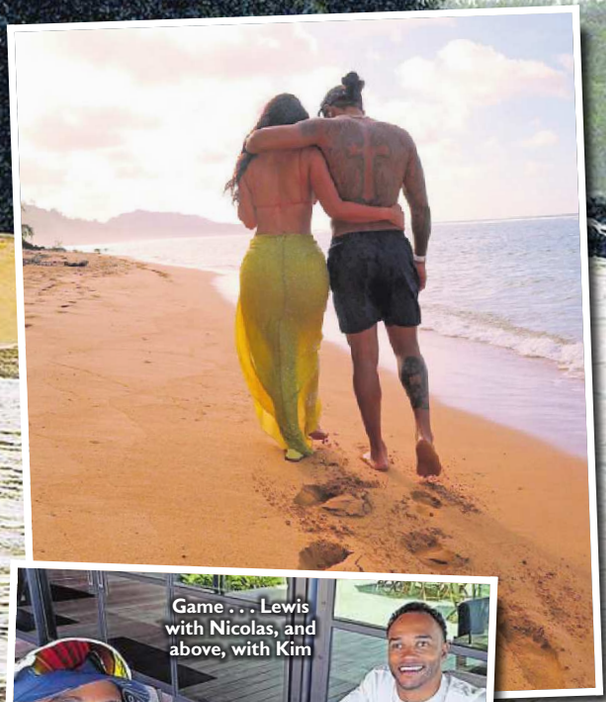
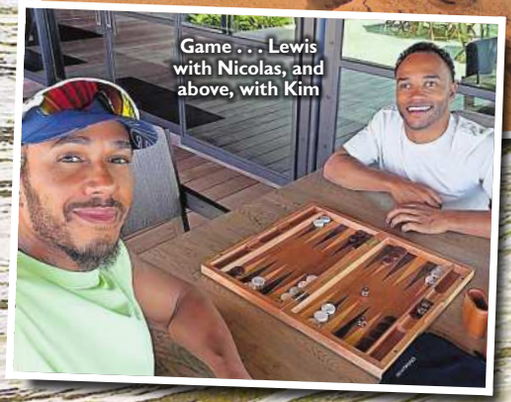
FAMILIES' HAWAII GETAWAY





Game . . . Lewis with Nicolas, and above, with Kim

Keeping up with the Hamiltons

LEW BRUV MEETS KIM BROOD

Sun down . . . Kim goes for a paddle and, right, gets cuddle from Lewis

By JACK HARDWICK

KIM Kardashian poses for a sunset strip while on holiday with Sir Lewis Hamilton — as their families get to know each other too.

Kim, 45, peeled off to a tiny bikini for snaps in the surf captioned: "Somewhere over the rainbow."

She was on a secret getaway with British F1 ace Lewis, 41, in Hawaii.

The Ferrari driver flew out his brother Nicolas, 26, to meet Kim's sister Khloe and half-sisters Kendall and Kylie Jenner. Three of Kim's four children – Saint, ten, Chicago, eight, and Psalm, seven – were also there.

Another pic shared by Skims tycoon Kim showed her in a pink bra and matching bandana in a mirror selfie with Lewis cuddled up behind her.

In a third, shot from behind, they strolled on the beach.

Photos shared by Lewis had him playing backgammon with his sibling, a touring car racer.

In another, he was pushing Kim on a swing overlooking a beach.

Lewis, back in action at the Dutch Grand Prix this weekend, captioned his pictures: "Only some of my Summer break. Grateful for the days away. I'm heading back to track recharged and ready."

The seven-time world champion has known Kim for more than a decade and was even close friends with her ex-husband, rapper Kanye West.

But in January, The Sun exclusively revealed they had started dating at the end of last year.

Kim secretly flew into the UK on her £100million private jet to enjoy a romantic weekend at the exclusive Estelle Manor in the Cotswolds.

The pair then enjoyed four back-to-back dates in as many days, including stops in London and Paris.

Kim and Lewis later went public with their romance at the Super Bowl in February.

In June, she joined him at the glam Monaco Grand Prix, and was accused of trying to outshine the other F1 Wags.

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BROWN & OUT? PAGE 24 Eight ways to save your poor old lawn

FOUR POLICE FED EXECS NICKED IN FRAUD PROBE

Arrested . . . Tiff Lynch

THE leader of the Police Federation staff association was under arrest last night over fraud and bribery claims.

National chair Tiff Lynch, a serving cop, was nicked at the rank-and-file body's HQ.

Also held were General Secretary and Met cop John Partington, a senior female lawyer and a male financial executive.

EXCLUSIVE by MIKE SULLIVAN

City of London Police seized computers and phones in a raid on the Federation's headquarters in Leatherhead, Surrey.

They described the arrests as a "significant development" in their probe into allegations against the Fed's former £700,000-a-year CEO Mukund Krishna, 46.

Mr Krishna, whose contract was terminated, and two other senior officials, aged 51 and 55, were arrested in March on suspicion of fraud by abuse of position. All three are on bail.

A City of London Police spokesman said: "Today's arrests are the latest development in a significant investigation into allegations of fraud and bribery."

Det Supt Jim Halkett, of its Domestic Corruption Unit, said: "This remains a complex and high-profile investigation." Ex-firearms officer PC Lynch became only the Fed's second female leader in July last year.

One colleague said: "This is messy but it's not a case of officers receiving bungs. Tiff's been a great leader." The Federation declined to discuss the arrests.

Former management consultant Mr Krishna has denied the allegations he faces.

He said previously: "At all times I've acted with integrity."

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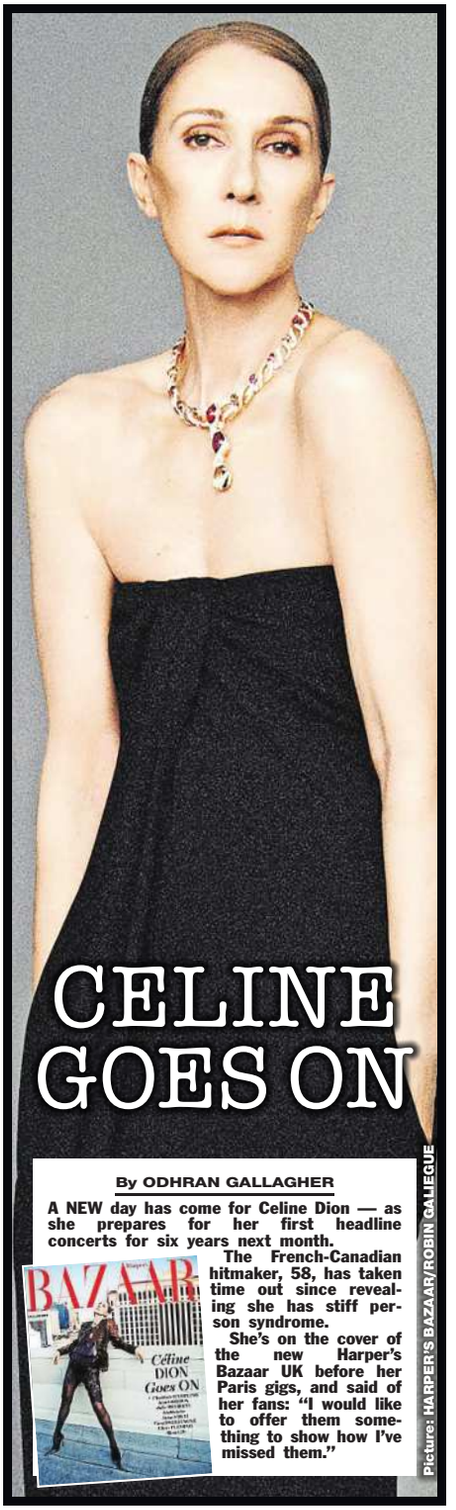

CELINE GOES ON

By ODHRAN GALLAGHER

A NEW day has come for Celine Dion — as she prepares for her first headline concerts for six years next month.

The French-Canadian hitmaker, 58, has taken time out since revealing she has stiff person syndrome.

She's on the cover of the new Harper's Bazaar UK before her Paris gigs, and said of her fans: "I would like to offer them something to show how I've missed them."

Picture: HARPER'S BAZAAR/ROBIN GALLEGUE

Report . . . de Souza

Ofcom 'is weak' on terrorism risk kids

By JULIA ATHERLEY

OFCOM should "show more teeth" to stop kids seeing extreme content online, the Children's Commissioner has said.

Dame Rachel de Souza said the watchdog should do better on taking big companies to task.

She spoke up after her office published a report on kids referred to anti-terror scheme Prevent.

It found most did not have a clear political ideology – but many were linked to exposure to violent videos and extreme pornography.

Dame Rachel told Radio 4: "Most of the material I'm talking about is illegal under the Online Safety Act.

"I'm hoping there is a political will to make Ofcom stronger on this."

A social media ban for under-16s is in the works, the Government said.

JK jibe at university

AUTHOR JK Rowling has joined criticism of the University of Cambridge over the death of former professor Jason Arday.

The 41-year-old had quit following accusations that he had plagiarised his PhD.

Harry Potter writer Rowling wrote online that he would not have been "exposed in such a public way" if they had "kindly and privately" challenged some of his claims.

Mr Arday, the university's youngest ever black professor, was found dead at an address in Battersea, South London, last Friday. He left a wife and two children.

Death at stadium

A CHAMPIONSHIP club is helping police after a body was found at their stadium in the early hours yesterday.

The discovery of the unresponsive man was made at The Valley, Charlton Athletic's ground in South East London.

A club spokesman called it "a particularly difficult and distressing situation" and added they were helping police with their inquiries.

They added: "There is no suggestion of any wrongdoing on the part of the club."

An under-21s game scheduled for the ground yesterday was moved.

FRUITY LANGUAGE

Britain's most mispronounced word is trendy fruit "acai", which should sound like "ah-sigh-ee", says a survey for Skoda.

FAMILY'S SWIM TRAGEDY

Rescue operation . . . ambulance crew was among several at Shoreham's harbour

Flown in . . one of two air ambulances that joined a coastguard chopper at the scene

HORROR AT THE SEASIDE

Man, woman and teenage girl drown

Younger daughter in critical condition

Tragic incident . . . 999 vehicles packed the area

By AMIR RAZAVI, PAUL SIMS and ELEANOR GUNN

HORRIFIED beachgoers watched as 999 crews battled in vain yesterday trying to save a family of four who had been swept out to sea.

Emergency crews were seen carrying out CPR after the victims were finally dragged back to shore.

But police last night confirmed three of the family – the mother, father and their teenage daughter – had died, with a younger daughter fighting for life.

Chief Supt James Collis said all four entered the water together for a swim before getting into difficulty. He added: "Their next of kin have been informed and specialist officers are supporting them at this incredibly difficult time."

A huge search and rescue operation had been launched just before 3pm when fishermen saw a young girl in trouble at Shoreham, West Sussex.

They then reported seeing others fighting against the waves.

Witness Joe Chrisp, 24, said a local fisherman had told him one of the children "got caught up in a fishing net", though this had not been confirmed last night.

Two air ambulances and at least eight ambulances joined lifeboat crews and the coastguard at the scene as horrified families watched on from the shingle beach.

Police and paramedics set up a base at the RNLI station before the victims were recovered by lifeboat crews and brought ashore for emergency treatment.

Witnesses said critical care teams were seen performing CPR on at least three of them.

Victoria Flint, of Horsham, West Sussex, was there with husband Gary and their children.

She said: "We arrived at about three and soon after we heard the siren for the lifeboat.

"We watched it launch and then, about 20 minutes later, it came back. Ambulances started arriving. More and more of them. Then the air ambulances started."

Resident Pete Book said: "As I neared home, a yellow air ambulance also landed.

"There were a lot of ambulances, coastguard and police vehicles converging on the area, and the coast road was closed.

"An orange and white air ambulance then landed.

"The lifeboat had also launched and was returning to the station, so I assume its crew had picked up the casualties."

Landscaper Mr Chrisp, 24, added: "It happened when I was on my way back from work. There were loads of police and I got turned around. It's so tragic."

One local, who did not wish to be named, said: "It was mayhem, there were so many emergency vehicles so you knew it was something serious."

He added that volunteers at the National Coastwatch Shoreham station, near the historic fort and the two harbour arms, were "deeply affected" by what they saw. He said: "I really hope the guy doing the watch is OK."

Another witness said: "There were search and rescue vehicles, coastguard vehicles, and police vehicles. On the other side of the river, there were loads of ambulances gathered around, and the RNLI were still working.

"I was up near the coastguard tower when I saw two police officers come past me holding evidence bags containing what appeared to be a younger child's clothing and other assorted items."

Steve Chapman, who lives opposite the beach, said: "There were all sorts of rumours flying around, it was very upsetting.

"All I can say is that I've just been praying for the family."

Shirley Pumfrey, who lives near the harbour mouth, said: "The whole road was just full of emergency services.

"It was horrific and quite scary to see that many."

The RNLI said it had launched rescue boats from Shoreham Harbour at 2.51pm. Two more followed from Brighton shortly after 3pm. A coastguard helicopter joined the search at 2.45pm along with three more rescue teams.

Aerial images showed the lifeboat returning as two air ambulances and scores of paramedics waited at the station.

Sussex Police closed the nearby A259 in both directions amid the large-scale response.

A spokesman said officers were responding to reports of "four people in difficulty in the water" close to Shoreham Fort. South East Coast Ambulance Service said it was alerted shortly after 3pm and sent "a number of ambulance resources".

Local Labour MP Tom Rutland last night said he was "deeply saddened" by the tragedy.

He added: "My thoughts are with the family and friends of those who have lost their lives, and I know the whole community here in Shoreham will be hoping and praying for the recovery of the young girl in hospital."

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CAMILLA HAILS BRAVERY OF

He said 'This is my way... I am going to cope with it'

So proud of King . . . Camilla in film

CHARLES'S CANCER DEFIANCE
HE BOOSTED CHARITY TAKE-UP

By ED SOUTHGATE

QUEEN Camilla has revealed defiant King Charles declared, "This is my way, I am going to cope with it" when he was diagnosed with cancer.

And Her Majesty was told that his brave response to the illness led to an increase in users of a cancer charity.

Camilla made her comments in a film celebrating 30 years of the Maggie's drop-in centres.

She also opened up about a heart-wrenching visit to one before Charles's illness was made public and told how "difficult" it was having to keep quiet.

The King's own cancer treatment is understood to be continuing in a positive direction.

The Queen was delighted when told the organisation – which she has been president of since 2008 – has seen a 12 per cent increase in male users since he went public.

The charity's chief executive Dame Laura Lee DBE told her of "the amount of people that come in because of the King being so open about his diagnosis and having a productive life".

Camilla said: "Look at my husband. Nothing stopped him. He just said, 'This is my way I am going to cope with it'."

She added: "It had never really come back to roost at home, and suddenly your husband is diagnosed and you think, 'Goodness'."

Speaking about her visit in January 2024, the Queen said: "I remember coming to see Maggie's just after the King had been diagnosed and nobody could say anything at the time. That was quite difficult.

"I almost said something but I felt it wasn't the time to say.

"I looked at everybody who was suffering and all the relations and I think it made me realise even more how important these places were."

Dame Laura said: "It was just a week before it became public and the courage that that must have taken for you to make that visit."

Camilla replied: "I was just longing to let it out but obviously I couldn't." Dame Laura went on: "The more open that you are when you talk about it, the less scary cancer can become. If you just keep the lid on it, it can build up. On that visit, you did sit with centre visitors and the empathy and support you were able to offer . . . "

Camilla said: "I was almost questioning them. I didn't want to pry too deeply. But normally when I went in, I was just talking to them. But, I don't know, I felt it was much more deep."

Dame Laura confirmed: "The number of male users of Maggie's has gone up. We had a 12 per cent increase of men coming in."

The visit remembered by Camilla was the official opening of the Maggie's centre at the Royal Free Hospital in London at the end of January 2024. The King was diagnosed with cancer that month and went public with it in February.

The Princess of Wales was also diagnosed with cancer following major abdominal surgery in January 2024. She began chemotherapy treatment in late February and went public with it in March.

Kate revealed in January 2025 she was in remission and cancer-free.

Charles returned to public-facing roles in April 2024, less than three months after his treatment began. And it was business as usual yesterday when he greeted members of the public outside Balmoral after inspecting the Balaklava Company, his Royal Guard as he begins his summer stay at the castle.

The kilt-wearing King also met Shetland pony Cpl Cruachan IV, mascot of the Royal Regiment of Scotland, during the inspection.

The Queen had previously said her workaholic husband "won't slow down and won't do what he's told" even after his diagnosis.

In April last year, he said in recognition of community-based cancer support groups: "Each diagnosis, each new case, will be a daunting and at time frightening experience for those individuals and their loved ones.

"But as one among those statistics myself, I can vouch for the fact that it can also be an experience that brings into sharp focus the very best of humanity.

"It has certainly given me an even deeper appreciation of the extraordinary work undertaken by the remarkable organisations and individuals gathered here, many of whom I have known, visited and supported over the years."

Last December, he revealed his treatment would be reduced which

Ready for some

KING AFTER DIAGNOSIS

On duty . . . at Balmoral yesterday

Warm welcome . . . for King outside castle

Picture: JANE BARLOW/PA WIRE

Suddenly your husband is diagnosed and you think, Goodness!

– QUEEN CAMILLA

Stable mate . . . Charles with regiment mascot

he described as "both a personal blessing and a testimony to the remarkable advances made in cancer care in recent years".

He added in his message supporting the Stand Up To Cancer campaign: "Throughout my own cancer journey, I have been profoundly moved by what I can only call the 'community of care' that surrounds every cancer patient – the specialists, the nurses, researchers and volunteers who work tirelessly to save and improve lives."

The seven-minute film featuring Camilla, made by Buckingham Palace in conjunction with Maggie's, features patients who have been supported by the charity.

It promotes services for relatives – especially of men who may be more reluctant to seek help.

Dame Laura said: "It was a huge privilege to sit in conversation with our president, Her Majesty the Queen, as part of a film to mark 30 years of Maggie's supporting people impacted by cancer, and to hear her speak so powerfully of her emotions when visiting our Royal Free centre, while knowing about His Majesty's diagnosis, is a huge honour.

"The King's openness about his diagnosis has undoubtedly helped others to be more open themselves and to hear the Queen's completely understandable and natural response as a wife, shines a light on why it is so important that family and friends get the support they need.

"Everyone at Maggie's is incredibly grateful to have Her Majesty the Queen as our president and this extraordinary film not only helps us mark 30 years of providing transformational cancer support, it also helps us look to the future and our ambition of having 60 centres across the UK."

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EARL'S DIANA BOOK

By ED SOUTHGATE

EARL Spencer has written a tell-all memoir about his sister Princess Diana's life and death.

Swan Song: Diana, My Sister is described as an "extraordinarily moving" personal account.

It is understood to cover her childhood, 15-year marriage to Charles and the chaotic days after her fatal car crash in Paris in 1997.

Earl Spencer, 62, said he wants to show her as a "dynamic character, full of love, charisma and self-doubt, who gave life a hell of a go, and left the world a far better place, despite exiting the stage while so young".

Out here on September 22 ahead of next year's 30th anniversary of her death, it will be published globally and translated into 12 languages.

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NEWLYWEDS IN CRASH TRAGEDY

Heartbreaking . . . the helicopter in flames. Left, Marie and Alexander

Killed on their honeymoon in copter fireball

CITY EXECS FLYING TO GREEK ISLE

By **NICK PARKER,** Foreign Editor

A BRITISH couple killed in a helicopter crash on their honeymoon in Greece were City whizkids.

Newlyweds Marie Ebert, 30, and Alexander Cromie, 31, died with their pilot in a private chopper taking them to their hotel on the romantic island of Sifnos.

Footage shows the Bell 206 helicopter spinning out of control then crashing in flames in Sifnos as it approached the helipad on Monday.

The London-based couple and former air force pilot Giorgos Raikos, 55, were confirmed dead when emergency teams arrived.

Dad-of-three Giorgos was reportedly hired two months ago but was said to be very experienced.

The newlyweds chose a 40-minute flight to cover the roughly 80 miles from Markopoulo near Athens rather than a ferry trip of up to five hours.

The cause of the tragedy is still being probed but mechanical failure is suspected. In his last transmission, the pilot is reported to have radioed that he was preparing to land.

A witness said: "I saw the helicopter fly a lot lower than usual then it did a 180-degree turn that was controlled. Then it started spinning more and more. It was out of control."

The witness added the explosion started a small bush fire.

Sifnos deputy mayor Manolis Fountoulakis said locals heard the helicopter making an odd noise, adding: "It probably had a mechanical failure – the propeller was doing something strange." Flying conditions were reportedly almost perfect.

Bristol-born Alex went to Sheffield University before working at banks including NatWest and BNP Paribas.

London-born Marie, an Exeter University graduate, was fluent in German. She had previously worked at investment firm Coller Capital.

And the couple had the world at their feet after securing top jobs in finance and marketing.

Alex had only been appointed vice-president of private wealth solutions for US-based investment management company Blackstone last year.

A Blackstone spokesman said: "We are shocked by the tragic passing of three people including our colleague Alex Cromie and his wife.

"Alex was beloved by everyone who knew him at Blackstone."

Marie secured her role as senior specialist in market reputation at top London firm Bain & Co last summer after forging a career in private equity and consulting.

A Bain spokesman said: "We are shocked to read reports of a tragic accident in Greece regarding one of our colleagues and her husband."

The Foreign Office said: "Our thoughts are with the families. We are providing consular support and are in contact with Greek authorities."

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"When will the safety of women in this country be taken seriously by those who claim to protect us?"

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THE Sun SAYS

French farce

BRITAIN can't keep writing cheques to France and hoping the small boats crisis will somehow go away.

The solution is in our own hands – and it's staring us in the face like the White Cliffs of Dover on a clear day.

Ministers must stop making the UK a major draw with generous benefits, free healthcare and access to cash-in-hand jobs on the black market. French mayor Xavier Bertrand hit the nail on the head by saying that failure to enforce our own rules had made us a "permanent attraction" for asylum cheats.

But he wants British taxpayers to cough up even more money to mount beach patrols in Northern France. We have already signed away £1billion, only for more than 14,500 illegal migrants to land on our shores this year alone.

Throwing good money after bad won't solve the problem. Andy Burnham must take tough action against rogue employers and implement a proper deterrent like the Rwanda scheme.

British taxpayers should not be expected to fund failure indefinitely.

Nice one Kemi

A RELIABLE power system should focus on keeping the lights on and the bills down — not a virtue-signalling race to hit Net Zero at any cost.

That's why Kemi Badenoch is on to a winner with her plan to bring common sense to energy policy.

The Tory leader says a mix of nuclear, gas and renewable energy would save families £540 a year and still be 80 per cent clean. That's a huge gain.

With nearly 100,000 payroll jobs vanishing over the past year and wages stagnating, it's hard to understand why the PM is stalling on giving the go-ahead to drill for North Sea oil and gas. Even green campaigners, such as Labour donor Dale Vince, are waking up to the undeniable reality:

Cheaper, reliable, home-grown energy means lower bills and more jobs.

Royal courage

THE King and Queen have shown unyielding courage in the way they have faced cancer with dignity and honesty.

Charles has been an inspiration, opening up about his own diagnosis to smash the taboo and save lives. His decision to go public led a 50 per cent increase in the number of people seeking guidance over their own symptoms.

Camilla has supported her husband while championing others facing the same cruel condition. She made the heart-wrenching decision to visit a cancer charity while harbouring the secret of her husband's own diagnosis.

If their hard work and dedication has made just one person feel less frightened and alone, it will have achieved something truly worthwhile.

FORGET ZERO

Net Zero has failed. 18 years of Miliband's eco targets have driven up the cost of electricity, hammered industry and left Britain dependent on high-emission imports

TURN OFF . . . green zealot Miliband is ruining economy

Our plan will **cut bills by £320bn** over 20 years and still achieve **80% clean energy**

THE definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result.

By **KEMI BADENOCH**
Tory leader

When it comes to fighting climate change, we have been doing the same thing for years – setting targets, ploughing money into government subsidies and failed schemes, while deindustrialising Britain and sending jobs to China.

We've all made massive sacrifices. And, in return, we've had steadily hotter summers and rainier winters.

If that isn't evidence that Net Zero isn't working, then I don't know what is.

The targets to cut greenhouse gas emissions, set by Ed Miliband in 2008 and continued by previous Conservative governments, have driven up energy costs, weakened our industrial base and made us more and more dependent on foreign imports with higher emissions.

But they are not solving climate change. In fact, they are making the problem worse by making electricity so expensive barely anyone can afford to adopt clean technologies. When bills are up, money is tight and people delay green upgrades and are put off buying electric cars or installing heat pumps.

We've become a warning to the rest of the world.

A new report, by the think tank Onward in collaboration with the Shadow Energy Secretary Claire Coutinho, says that an electricity grid that prioritised cutting bills instead of Net Zero would save consumers more than £320billion over 20 years, make Britian's electricity a third cheaper by 2050, and still be nearly 80 per cent clean.

Unlike Labour, who are wedded to the old failing plans, or Reform, who still don't believe climate change is happening, the Conservatives will bring common sense back to energy policy.

Andy Burnham entered No10 promising to right the wrongs of Keir Starmer.

It was suggested Burnham would approve the new licences for Rosebank and Jackdaw – the oil and gas fields awaiting approval for drilling in the North Sea.

A month later and he seems to be kicking the decision down the road because he's worried about the "optics". This is a shameful absence of leadership. With Burnham pushing ahead with Miliband's mad plan to ban all new licences, it should come as no surprise that our biggest oil company, BP, has decided to put its North Sea business up for sale.

But they are merely following in the footsteps of refinery operators, chemicals firms, ceramic manufacturers and thousands of other companies who have given up operating in Britain, unable to weather the combination of energy costs and the hostile tax and regulatory environment under Labour.

It just does not have to be like this.

This is absurdity

We can care for our environment and move towards clean energy without scorching the earth with taxes, bans and mandates.

Net Zero is a political programme, not a law of nature. We should preserve our countryside, encourage biodiversity, invest in flood defences and ensure Britain is resilient in the face of a changing climate.

We currently have the highest industrial energy prices in the developed world, and domestic energy prices are increasing at a rate faster than Labour can subsidise them with taxpayer handouts.

Onward's report exposes just how much extra you are going to have to pay to get Britain to Net Zero. We will soon be spending billions building pylons and cables, carving up the countryside in the process.

SPARK . . . Shadow Energy Secretary Coutinho

We will have to pay for expensive back up for when the wind's not blowing. And we'll pay even more to switch wind farms off when the wind's blowing too hard.

This is absurdity. All of the costs simply end up on your energy bills.

All this is doing is making electricity expensive so factories shut down here, then move to China which has an exceptionally high rate of approving and building new coal plants or reactivating old ones.

That does not reduce emissions, it just changes where they come from – while costing Britain jobs, investment and prosperity.

The most important thing we can do to protect our industry, to cut bills for families, and to help the environment, is to make electricity as cheap as possible.

All of this is why my Conservative Party has pledged to scrap the carbon tax – the biggest green levy – and scrap the legally binding target for Net Zero by 2050.

That target is suffocating government in legal action by green groups, pushing up bills and strangling business with more and more reporting duties and regulations.

Together, our changes will save families £200 off their electricity bills, give a lifeline to our automotive industry, and revive oil and gas production in the North Sea and all of the jobs it supports in Aberdeen and across the United Kingdom.

This is not just about our economy and jobs, it's about everyone's cost of living and quality of life, it's about common sense.

For instance, the Net Zero rules currently ban installing air conditioning in new homes.

That's another ban that I'll scrap, in the interests of all of us who have been suffering sleepless nights and grumpy days in this hot summer.

Onward's report is just the latest in a bank of research and evidence that we are building to make the case for a complete change of thinking on energy. No other party is doing this detailed work and no other party is ready to take the tough choices to get Britain working again.

Dynasty . . . Phyllida

Actress Emma's ma dies aged 94

By ODHRAN GALLAGHER

DAME Emma Thompson's actress mum – who starred alongside her in several films – has died aged 94.

Phyllida Law's death was confirmed by Oscar-winner Emma's daughter, Gaia, who posted: "Rest well, my queen."

The theatrical family dynasty began when Phyllida wed actor Eric Thompson – best known for The Magic Roundabout kids' TV show.

Both daughters – Emma, 67, and Sophie, 64 – also became actors and she appeared with them in films including Jane Austen's Emma in 1996.

Phyllida, who has an OBE, also featured in Much Ado About Nothing, Nanny McPhee and Miss Potter. She also had TV parts in shows, including Doc Martin and and Midsomer Murders.

Inferno at waste site

AROUND 100 firefighters were last night tackling a huge blaze at a waste plant in the capital.

Fifty tons of household waste were burning, with locals told to keep windows and doors shut due to a large level of smoke.

The inferno in Deptford, South London, also caused travel chaos as it broke out close railways serving London Bridge.

It started at around 8pm and fire officials said crews would be working overnight to bring it under control.

The cause had not yet been established. A similar blaze occurred at the same site in June.

KEN BAGS A BEAUTY

Picture: ANUA/DREW VICKERS

By HOWELL DAVIES

SUPERMODEL Kendall Jenner show she has skincare in the game as she poses in sportswear.

The 30-year-old US model is the first global ambassador for South Korean beauty brand Anua. Its products are known for having minimal ingredients.

Kendall — dating Frankenstein actor Jacob Elordi, 29 — said: "I first discovered the double cleanser, and it has changed my skin. I'm a big fan of the products."

COFF UP!

DAILY COSTA COSTS EXTRA £500 A YEAR

Price hike since 2021

By BLATHNAID CORLESS, Senior Consumer Reporter

BUYING a Costa Coffee every working day now costs £1,144 a year — £507 more than in 2021, a study reveals.

Britain's largest chain selling the brew charges £4.40 for a medium, an 80 per cent rise from five years ago when its cost £2.45.

Its hot drinks are among treats to have rocketed in price in that time period. A Terry's Chocolate Orange has more than doubled from £1.24 to £2.50.

One a week would cost £130 a year, more than £65 than in 2021. They have also shrunk from 157g to 145g in recent years.

A 360g bar of Cadbury Dairy Milk has gone from £3 to £5, a 67 per cent rise.

The cost of a margherita at Pizza Express is up 65 per cent from £9.95 to £16.45.

A Greggs' sausage roll, a UK favourite, has gone from £1 to £1.45. One a week will now set you back £75.40, some £23.40 more than five years ago.

Natalie Vos, of credit reporting agency Checkmyfile, which did the research, said: "When inflation is discussed, the focus is usually on mortgages, energy bills or the weekly supermarket shop. But it's often the everyday treats people feel most because they're the purchases we make without really thinking about them.

"Whether it's grabbing a coffee before work, picking up a Greggs sausage roll, or a Friday night family fish and chips, these small purchases quickly add up."

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Salmonella . . . 'in eggs'

1 dead as egg bug linked to outbreak

By SAM BLANCHARD

ONE person has died and hundreds have been poisoned by a salmonella outbreak that may be linked to imported eggs.

The UK Health Security Agency said it had launched an investigation after recording 207 cases of the bacterial infection in the year to August 1.

More than one-third needed hospital treatment for symptoms including stomach cramps, diarrhoea, vomiting or fever.

Hannah Charles, lead epidemiologist for gastrointestinal infections at UKHSA, said: "We're working with Food Standards Agency and other public health agencies to investigate a salmonella outbreak that may be linked to eggs imported from outside of the UK."

The regions in England with the highest number of cases are London, where 47 cases were confirmed, and Yorkshire and Humber with 38.

Trial . . . Graeme Dott

Snooker champ 'abused two kids'

By ALEX WEST

SNOOKER ace Graeme Dott has gone on trial accused of historical child sexual abuse.

The former world champion, 49, is accused of lewd and libidinous behaviour towards a girl and a boy.

Yesterday the female, now in her 40s, told a court that Dott abused her multiple times, with games which involved touching her with parts of his body.

She alleged it began when he offered to give her a piggy back, telling the court: "He started to caress my backside with his hands."

On another alleged occasion, he lifted her top and kissed her belly.

The allegations relating to the girl span 1993 to 1996, and the boy's are from 2006 to 2010 – both in the Glasgow region.

Dott denies the charges at the city's High Court. The trial continues.

EXCLUSIVE: AFTER LINEKER EXIT,

STREAMING AHEAD . . . Lineker's podcast with Richards and Shearer

INSIDERS REVEAL DISCORD BETWEEN TOP BRASS AND PUNDITS

STAR ANALYSTS UNHAPPY AT CHANGES BY TOUGH BEEB SPORT BOSS

EXPERTS THINKING OF FLEEING TO LINEKER'S £14M NETFLIX SET-UP

MATCH OF

GRAFTER . . . BBC Director of Sport Alex Kay-Jelski

AUGUST. The month when Premier League clubs pounce on prized talent to tempt them to switch sides with mega contracts.

Except whispers in the hallowed halls of Match Of The Day suggest it's not just footballers who are eyeing a big-money move.

We can reveal that the BBC's flagship football show, which returns this Saturday, maybe facing an exodus as its star pundits eye the door.

The Sun has learnt that new Director of BBC Sport Alex Kay-Jelski has clashed with a number of the team and insiders tell of rows among top brass and some of the show's biggest names.

By FELICITY CROSS
Deputy TV Editor

The news comes just a year after Mark Chapman, Kelly Cates and Gabby Logan took over the reins of MOTD from Gary Lineker.

A source said: "There are very few happy campers on MOTD any more. It all comes down to Kay-Jelski, who is bringing in a number of changes. To some he's a tough grafter, an old school journalist, and is respected. But others just can't work like that."

A second source added: "BBC bosses thought steadying the ship after Lineker left would be their toughest task and, for a while, there was lots of back-slapping about pulling off a seamless revival.

"For the most part, the audience and the show's guests are more than happy with the trio at the top.

"The problem is with Kay-Jelski and the panellists and there have been a number of clashes.

Beacon of hope

"Workplace disagreements are par for the course – especially when there are few other places ex-players can find punditry work.

"But this year that's all changed and now the grass is looking a hell of a lot greener elsewhere . . ."

That green grass comes courtesy of MOTD's axed leader, Lineker. He left the BBC last year following a backlash over social media posts. Since

IT'S KICKING OFF AGAIN AT BBC SHOW

NEW TEAM . . . MOTD hosts Mark Chapman, Gabby Logan and Kelly Cates. *Right*, some of the show's top pundits

HOST . . Jimmy Hill on show in '80s

OUR 62-YR FOOTIE FIX

MATCH Of The Day has racked up more than 5,000 episodes, covered hundreds of on pitch squabbles and there's been a fair share of drama in the studio too.

The show was created for BBC Two in June 1964 to cover tennis from Wimbledon, but later that year it focused on football.

Presenter Kenneth Wolstenholme kicked off the first footie-themed episode with the line: "Welcome to Match Of The Day, the first of a weekly series coming to you every Saturday on BBC Two."

Initially it was a flop with just 20,000 viewers tuning in, but that all changed after England won the 1966 World Cup.

MOTD was promptly moved to BBC One and soon became a big hit, with David Coleman and former player Jimmy Hill also hosting the show.

By the 1990s it was fronted by Des Lynam with pundits including Alan Hansen and Trevor Brooking, before Gary Lineker took the helm in 1999.

The programme had two spells on the subs' bench after ITV won the rights to show football highlights. But its Premiership show, from 2001-2004, was panned by viewers.

In 2010 the MOTD theme was voted telly's most recognisable tune and five years later it was named the longest-running football show in the world by Guinness World Records.

In 2023 Lineker was suspended after his social media posts breached BBC guidelines, but the decision sparked a mutiny by co-stars.

Gary was reinstated but a few years later he sparked more controversy with a post and then announced he was leaving the show.

LEGENDS . . Brooking, Lynam and Hansen in 1990s

THE DISARRAY

then his podcast The Rest Is Football has skyrocketed and was bought by Netflix for £14million to lead the streamer's reporting for the World Cup during the summer.

Netflix has since secured the format throughout the coming Premier League season and is likely to extend the deal to take in the 2028 European Championships.

That, of course, has become a tantalising beacon of hope outside the walls of MOTD, which first aired in August 1964.

Micah Richards and Alan Shearer, who are both mainstays of the BBC flagship football show, juggled appearances on TRIF with their Beeb jobs during the World Cup.

Current analysts on MOTD also include former players Martin Keown, Dion Dublin, Shay Given, Stephen Warnock, Wayne Rooney, Steph Houghton and Theo Walcott.

Our source said: "Seeing how The Rest Is Football panned out over the World Cup has got the big names thinking whether the grass is greener.

"There's the push of wanting out of MOTD and the pull of booming digital formats has got everyone talking.

Ruffled feathers

"There's a real fear that MOTD could see a mass exodus and bosses should be worried."

The Rest Is Football is not the only new venture offering a place on the team for footie pundits.

Disney+ last week signed a one-year agreement to broadcast The Overlap network's Stick To Football podcast — including a spin-off fronted by Wayne Rooney. Stick To Football is hosted by Gary Neville, Jamie Carragher, Jill Scott, Ian Wright, and Roy Keane.

Meanwhile, Stick To United With Wayne Rooney will be hosted by Wazza and Mark Goldbridge.

With the beautiful game's legends being mopped up by huge media firms, other former players may well feel the time is right to move.

The Sun has learnt that former Spurs and Belgium player Toby Alderweireld is being lined up to join the pundits panel.

Kay-Jelski became the Beeb's Director of Sport in April 2024 and immediately ruffled feathers with his progressive approach.

It meant that in the wake of Lineker's departure, rank and file staff feared MOTD could go woke — just like much-mocked sister show, Football Focus, which ran on the BBC for 52 years before being scrapped at the end of last season.

While our insiders insist MOTD is not a happy camp, a BBC spokesperson said: "We have repeatedly told The Sun these anonymous claims are untrue and we look forward to bringing audiences the return of Match Of The Day this weekend with its established line-up of presenters and pundits — alongside a host of new guest voices bringing fresh insight from inside the game."

For now, though, the likes of TRIF seem to be cleaning up.

Goalhanger — named after ex-Spurs and England striker Lineker's penchant for poaching — has gone from strength to strength since its soft launch in 2014.

It was recently named as the UK's fastest growing company, and was the first podcast organisation to make a profit.

The company produces The Rest Is . . . series, including The Rest Is History pod, as well as The Rest Is Entertainment — hosted by Richard Osman and Marina Hyde, and The Rest Is Politics, hosted by Rory Stewart and Alastair Campbell.

The podcasts exploded in popularity following the pandemic, and together now have more than 750million listeners with an annual revenue of more than £15million.

But the BBC still won the battle for eyeballs during the World Cup.

The Football Daily show attracted up to 250,000 streams, compared with a peak of 140,000 for The Rest Is Football.

Whether the 60-year-old titan of football coverage can win the war all depends on the pundits considering a transfer this month.

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CPS 'sorry' too late for victims of monster Levy

WHEN will the safety of women in this country be taken seriously by those who claim to protect us?

Simon Levy was a prolific sex offender over a *seven-year* period, yet time and again he was either released early or let off completely to continue his vile crimes.

This monster wasn't slipping under the radar – he was operating recklessly in plain sight.

The depressing litany of his depraved behaviour would take up an entire column, so I suggest you either look it up online or take my word for it that he shouldn't have been roaming our streets.

Yet he was, and there's no avoiding the fact that if the police and justice system had done their jobs, many of his victims and their families wouldn't now be dealing with the lifelong consequences. When he was arrested in connection to the death of 53-year-old Carmenza Valencia-Trujillo in March 2025, it wasn't initially classified as a murder.

Consequently, a registered sex offender with an appalling history of attacks on women, who was already under investigation for a brutal rape, was bailed yet again.

In May the same year he sexually assaulted multiple women on trains, but was bailed again, and a rape inquiry was closed because the police said they had trouble tracing the homeless victim.

Two months later, he missed two Crown court hearings but no arrest warrant was made, and the following month – August 2025 – he murdered 39-year-old mother of four Sheryl Wilkins in a London car park. And now a blame game has started.

BEAST . . . Levy

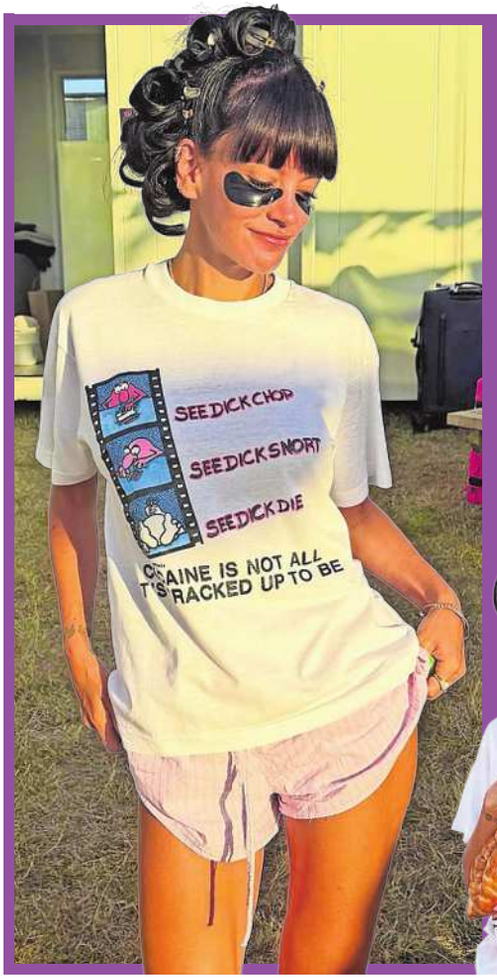
Met Police commissioner Sir Mark Rowley said: "There's no-one from the court service, no one from the CPS, no one from probation stepping forward and talking about *their* failures."

He went on to say the police see victims being let down 'day in and day out' and cited a case where 'a sex offender who should have been remanded in custody' was bailed to 'an address two doors down from his victim.'

The head of the CPS has since apologised for leaving Levy free on bail to kill two women and rape a third, but one suspects this will be of little comfort to the victims and their families.

Levy, 40, has now been handed a whole life order and will never leave prison. At his sentencing, Sheryl's mother Mary told him that her daughter "has saved countless women from being subjected to your disgusting and horrendous acts. You are a threat to all women."

But Sheryl shouldn't have had to save anyone. The justice system should have saved *her*.



Lily's got message down to a T

LILY ALLEN walked around the teenage Mecca that is Boardmasters festival wearing a T-shirt that says "Cocaine is not all it's cracked up to be".

Good for her. She knows the effect that taking the Class A drug in the past had on her own mental health.

But sadly, those currently in its grip will pay little heed to the wise-after-the-fact hindsight of others who went before them and know the pitfalls.

Just like Lily herself once ignored it too.

ALARM USE IS TOTALLY UNSOUND

THE 'where were you when the alarm went off' stories are many and varied. I was watching TV (dull) but one man described being on a plane about to land at Heathrow when a cacophony of sound sparked fear in the cabin as people's phones went off.

Another described being out for dinner in Wales when the alert came through, but as it was in Welsh and no-one present spoke it, they had to wait 20 minutes for the English version to come through.

Others, including Nick Ross of Crimewatch fame, were driving and said it nearly made them crash.

The alert system for 'emergencies' was tested with ample warning last September.

But less than a year later, it's already being used as a state nannying tool – in this case, telling us that reckless BBQing etc could spark a wildfire.

Sigh. Remember when Sir Keir Starmer promised that a Labour government would 'tread lightly' on our lives . . . ?

Alarming indeed.

ACADEMICS at Oxford suggest that AI professionals should sign up to a "first do no harm"' edict similar to the Hippocratic oath taken by doctors. Hmmmm. Except that, as demonstrated by Dr Harold Shipman, some people are just bad 'uns and a pledge won't change that.

THE measurements of four new Barbie dolls are finally starting to resemble real shapes, says new research. Good. Now all we need is a pot-bellied Ken and we're sorted.

KEEPING TABS . . Olivers

ON THE WRONG TRACK

JAMIE OLIVER has revealed that he and wife Jools track each other on their phones.

Each to their own and all that, but no thanks.

Tracking my children though? That's a different matter.

When they were younger, I insisted on it.

But the oldest has long dumped me from her 'Find My' app, suggesting that now she's in her 30s it's weird that I would want to know where she is at all times.

The 22-year-old, however, still indulges me.

Or so I thought, until I snuck off to a specific shop to buy her birthday present and she messaged to ask what I was doing there.

The hunter has become the hunted.

IS there a man under 45 in the land who *hasn't* been touted as a possible new James Bond?

Enough already.

To quote the man himself, when asked in Casino Royale whether he wanted his Martini shaken or stirred . . .

"Do I look like I give a damn?"

MEMO to Andy Burnham PM: The majority of the public don't care whether the 'small' boats arrivals are housed in working class areas, middle class areas, or even Buckingham Palace. They just want the dangerous crossings stopped for good.

PRAISE SPOONS

WETHERSPOONS has banned "loudspeaker mode" on phones in all its pubs. Hallelujah.

Can we now please extend the ban to *all* public spaces?

Whether it's the repetitive jingle on your child's video game, your Spotify playlist, your video call to friends or the endless cacophony of sounds that emanate from your constant doomscrolling, I don't want to hear it.

Put your phone on silent or invest in some headphones; thank you very much.

STAR . . . with Dolores

ODD MA MISSED BIG DAY

CRISTIANO RONALDO is famously close to his mother Dolores and once said it was his "mum's dream" to see him get married.

So how odd that she and his three siblings weren't in attendance when he married long-term love – and mother of two of his five children – Georgina Rodriguez at their home in Portugal.

Other than the children, the only four witnesses were the bride's sister, the groom's best friend and an unnamed 'Spanish couple.'

Dolores fended off speculation of a fall-out by responding to the wedding post with a heart emoji. But one wonders whether a broken one might have been more appropriate.

WE all dream of going to a boot sale and finding a china pot that turns out to be a Ming vase that sells for millions.

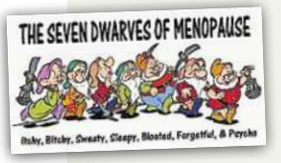
But the curse of Google means that every stall holder now knows the exact value of everything and few bargains are to be had. Unless you're the person who bought this £50 'fox head' which turned out to be an 'incredibly rare' Tasmanian tiger that sold for £60k this week.

The stuff of dreams. Or, having seen the photo, nightmares.

THE Seven Dwarves have been given new names to teach council staff about the symptoms of menopause – "Psycho, Forgetful, Sleepy, Sweaty, Itchy, Bitchy and Bloated".

Oh how we laughed, until we realised it's costing taxpayers hundreds of thousands as part of the "diversity and inclusion" courses at councils across the country.

So how about renaming the council top dogs who champion this nonsense? "Pompous, Patronising, Elusive, Unaccountable, Idle, Overpaid and WFH" just about covers it.



VLAD IN LONDON THREAT

Fury at UK drones

RUSSIA yesterday issued a chilling warning that Britain will face "consequences" for supplying Ukraine with drones behind devastating attacks.

Jet-powered Nyan drones made by BAE Systems have spearheaded weeks of blitzes.

Attacks on oil refineries plus warehouses owned by Wildberries, the "Russian Amazon", have caused huge economic damage. In an unprecedented revenge warning, the Kremlin's London embassy hit back saying Britain is "deliberately opting for an escalation" of the conflict.

It added: "London's actions will carry consequences for which it will have to answer.

"The deeper its involvement in the conflict and the greater its support for Kiev's terrorist machinery, the higher price it will pay."

Meanwhile, Russia killed ten people with a missile strike on Pechenigi, in northern Ukraine. PM Andy Burnham pledged not to bend to Russian threats, saying: "This is the UK doing what it has long said it would do, which is to support Ukraine 100 per cent against this illegal war led by Vladimir Putin."

But the threat highlighted worries that Britain has no effective ground-based shield to defend a Russian attack.

Tyrant . . . Putin

By NICK PARKER

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HERE'S A REALLY TASTY GIVEAWAY

CRAVING a little taste of Italy? Your next Italian feast could be extra sweet. One hundred lucky readers will each win a £100 voucher to spend at participating Bella Italia restaurants.

With £10,000 worth of vouchers up for grabs, winners can tuck into everything Bella Italia does best. From hand-stretched pizzas fresh from the oven and comforting bowls of pasta to creamy gelato, Bella Italia brings the Italian tradition of sharing great food and good company to every table.

There is even more reason to visit Bella Italia this summer. Take advantage of the **Kids Eat Free** offer, available every day until September 1, 2026. It means a child can enjoy a free meal from the Kids Menu when dining with an adult who buys a main meal.

Plus, Bella Italia app users can now access **Summer Rewards** – giving them even more ways to enjoy their favourite dishes. Diners can claim a free two-scoop gelato with a main meal on their first visit, 25 per cent off food on their second visit and 50 per cent off food on their third visit.

There are two ways to enter for a chance to win . . .

1. Download the Sun Savers app or sign up at **sunsavers.co.uk**.
2. Go to the Offers section, and click Start Collecting on the Win a £100 Bella Italia voucher page.
3. Collect **THREE** Sun Savers codes. We will print one daily until this Saturday, August 22. You can find today's on Page 22.
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Double trouble . . Paul

2 cases in 2 days: Scholes' drive ban

By RICHARD MORIARTY

FOOTBALL star Paul Scholes has been given a six-month driving ban – and racked up two convictions in two days.

The former Manchester United and England midfielder, 51, was caught doing 37mph in a 30mph stretch in March.

His Mercedes was also clocked doing 49mph in a 30mph zone in November.

Scholes faced an automatic ban as he was a "totter" who already had points on his licence.

He was banned by Bradford JPs last week for the March incident in Cleckheaton, West Yorks.

The next day, the second speeding allegation was dropped at Manchester magistrates' court.

But Scholes was still prosecuted for not confirming if he had been driving the Merc – and given an extra six points.

He has been ordered to pay fines totalling £1,472 from the two cases.

Band . . . with Frank centre

ZZ Top's drummer Frank is dead, 77

By OSCAR JAEGER

ZZ Top drummer Frank Beard has died aged 77.

He was founder member of the blues rock trio – alongside Billy Gibbons and Dusty Hill – in Houston, Texas in 1969.

Known for the two guitarists' elaborate beards, the band went on to sell 50million records having released 15 studio albums.

Their hits included Legs, Gimme All Your Lovin' and La Grange.

They continued performing even after Hill died at 72 five years ago.

But Frank was forced to pull out of their The Big One! tour this month due to health issues.

A band representative said he died at a hospice with family members by his side.

Surviving band member Billy said: "Today I lost a great friend and collaborator, and the world lost one of the most naturally innovative drummers, and a true son of Texas."

'BAG OF MEDS' IN STAR'S FLAT

Couple . . Hayden and Brian, and right, overdose antidote was found at scene

Hayden died with abusive ex at her side

By SCARLET HOWES, US Editor, and GERGANA KRASTEVA

HAYDEN Panettiere's abusive on-off boyfriend was with her when she died — and showed cops a "bag of medication" she had been taking.

But Brian Hickerson was not visibly emotional until the actress was declared dead, according to heavily-redacted police reports that were released yesterday.

The couple were staying at an Airbnb flat in Greenville, South Carolina, when 36-year-old Nashville and Heroes star Hayden was found unresponsive on Sunday.

Brian's brother Zach was also there and was described as "very emotional" as emergency medical crews were "working on Hayden".

Hayden, who struggled with drug and alcohol addiction, was described by dispatchers as suffering from a cardiac arrest and suspected overdose.

Narcan, a nasal spray used to reverse the effects of opioid overdoses, was discovered on a mattress, it was reported.

She was pronounced dead 40 minutes after the initial 911 call. The cause had not yet been confirmed last night and a coroner was compiling toxicology reports following her autopsy on Monday.

The post-mortem stated that "no signs of trauma were discovered that would have contributed to the death".

Hayden started dating real estate agent and aspiring actor Hickerson, 37, in 2018. Their relationship was soon rocky and her family were said to be "deeply concerned" and hoped she would "evolve from" it.

He was arrested twice – in 2019 and 2020 – for domestic violence. In the first incident, Hayden was said to have sustained injuries to her arms, ears and neck area.

In 2021, Hickerson pleaded no contest to injuring a partner, related to the 2020 arrest.

He was sentenced to 45 days in jail, four years of formal probation, 52 domestic violence classes, $500 in restitution and a five-year protective order.

Hayden, who was said to have given up drugs five years ago, was snapped using crutches in March as she and Hickerson went through Los Angeles International Airport.

Friends said she had been suffering from "excruciating" back pain for months.

Yesterday Hayden's estranged mum Lesley Vogel said Hickerson was "a person in her life we have been trying to get rid of for quite some time".

She added that Hayden "sadly lost her way".

Hayden was twice nominated for Golden Globes in a career which began when she was 11 months old. She played cheerleader Claire Bennet in superhero drama Heroes before starring as rising country music star Juliette Barnes on the hit TV series Nashville.

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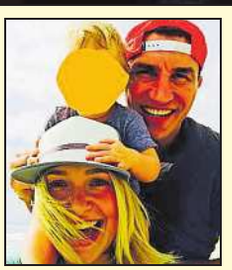


Family snap . . . with Kaya

KLITSCHKO'S TRIBUTE

By SCARLET HOWES

TRAGIC Hayden's ex-fiancé Wladimir Klitschko paid a moving tribute to her yesterday — ending it with the words: "May you find eternal peace."

The former world heavyweight boxing champ also posted a cherished family photo of Hayden carrying their daughter Kaya, now 11, on her shoulders.

Ukrainian Klitschko, 50, wrote on Instagram: "Hayden was, although no longer my partner, an important part of my life. She built an incredible career through immense talent, while also facing the darker sides of a very demanding industry.

"To Kaya, I will always speak of her mother with respect and make sure she remembers the person she was." The couple met in 2008 and started dating in 2009. They got engaged before the birth of Kaya in December 2014, but broke up for good in 2018.

Hayden agreed Klitschko — worried about the impact of her addictions and postpartum depression — could have sole custody. Just last month Hayden shared a snap of her with Kaya, captioned: "Good times and good friends."

JESY'S BEN IN ROOFTOP RIFT

JESY NELSON had to play peacekeeper during a night out after boyfriend Ben Davies was caught up in a ruckus.

Onlookers told me the former LITTLE MIX star and her new man were asked to leave the posh Madison rooftop bar in London on Saturday night after it all kicked off.

One told me: "Ben was getting in people's faces when he was out with Jesy at Madison.

"Something had been said and he didn't seem to be happy about it. He looked like he was about to get in a fight before all the bouncers swooped in.

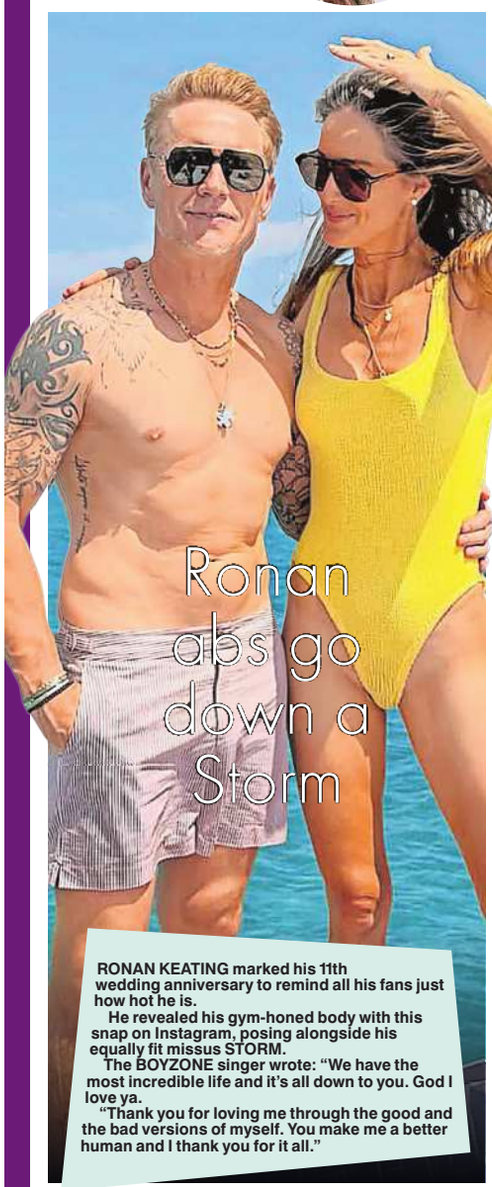
"it was all pretty uncomfortable to watch. Jesy was amazing and kept her cool. She was trying to de-escalate the situation and appeared to be keen to get out of there."

It's not the best start to their romance. I revealed earlier this month how Jesy had started dating landscape gardener Ben, who counts Towie's LYDIA BRIGHT among his exes.

They were spotted on a night out in London, before being snapped this week holding hands and snogging in the street, *inset*.

To avoid Ben digging any more publicly embarrassing holes, I think a quiet night in should be their next date.

SPLASH NEWS



Ronan abs go down a Storm

RONAN KEATING marked his 11th wedding anniversary to remind all his fans just how hot he is.

He revealed his gym-honed body with this snap on Instagram, posing alongside his equally fit missus STORM.

The BOYZONE singer wrote: "We have the most incredible life and it's all down to you. God I love ya.

"Thank you for loving me through the good and the bad versions of myself. You make me a better human and I thank you for it all."

GREEN DAY: GIVE US GLASTO

GREEN DAY want to headline Glastonbury – but insist they have never been asked.

The American band, who have more than enough hits to top the bill, will be celebrating 40 years since they formed next year, so the timing couldn't be better for organiser **EMILY EAVIS** to get on the blower.

Asked if they would like to do it, drummer **TRE COOL** said: "Yeah. If they ask us. It's the last great festival we haven't done."

They have just released a comedy movie called Nimrods, which is loosely inspired by the band, but insisted a biopic won't happen until they're older.

He told NME: "A biopic is more of a retirement plan. We'll do that when we're actually old and we're doing our residencies in Las Vegas or something."

SPOTIFY IS PLANNING HOME RUN

SPOTIFY has announced a new live music series, Hometown, which will celebrate artists and the places that shaped them.

Next month, **JORJA SMITH**, **NEMZZZ** and **BEABADOOBEE**, will return to the communities where their musical journeys began for intimate, one-night-only performances.

Jorja, *inset*, who releases her new album What Are The Odds this Friday, will play her gig on September 6.

She said: "Walsall is where I first started writing and recording music as a teenager. It's where my love of music began and the people, experiences and sense of community there continue to influence my creativity today."

Nemzzz will perform in Manchester on September 12, while Beabadoobee is scheduled to play a concert in London on September 17.

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REUNITED . . brothers

NOEL: MY REUNION DOUBTS

NOEL GALLAGHER had reservations about reuniting with brother LIAM for their sold-out OASIS tour last year.

In the first trailer for Oasis: Don't Look Back In Anger, in cinemas from September 9, Noel said: "I just don't see myself on stage with Liam. I really don't want to be going back with the tension. Will it fall apart?"

But Liam, who'd pushed for a reunion for years, added: "The way it finished, unacceptable. It didn't sit right with me."

Before the first show at Cardiff's Principality stadium last July, Noel added: "I'd forgotten what [Liam] means to people. I certainly wasn't prepared for the intense outpouring. A sense of what it meant to people. You've got a chance to change the narrative of the band."

DANCING QUEEN . . daughter Lola joins fun

COME DINE WITH ME . . . with her guests

REAL EYELIGHT . . . Madge's birthday cake

CRAZY FOR DU

Durrells fan Madge parties in Greek village where show was filmed

MADONNA appears to have outed herself as a fan of The Durrells, after taking over a tiny village made famous by the ITV drama to celebrate her 68th birthday.

After I revealed how Madge had spent the start of her celebrations flying to the monasteries of Meteora in Corfu over the weekend, stunned locals now tell me how she and her entourage descended on Kouramades for a very special party this week.

The tiny community, which has just 180 residents, was one of the locations used on the hit show, which starred **KEELEY HAWES.**

Madge, boyfriend Akeem Morris, her family and entourage booked out tiny taverna Atzaro for a meal, complete with a child choir, who locals told me were specially flown over from Italy to perform. An onlooker told me: "No one could believe Madonna was coming until she actually turned up.

"The security measures were pretty intense and there was a police presence, as well as Madonna's security to keep her safe.

"She wanted to visit the central church but they cancelled it because there was quite a crowd gathering. They headed to Atzaro for dinner and that was really special. Singers and a children's choir from Italy performed as they ate traditional meals.

"Just before midnight, the group started dancing to the Zorba The Greek song and a birthday cake came out. They sang the birthday song three times and then danced until 2am. Once they left, the crowds that had gathered outside started clapping and chanting her name."

GIRLS WANNA HAVE FUN . . . Madonna with her daughter

Madonna's visit to the village has now gone down in folklore – and I'm told the Material Girl superstar lapped up the attention.

"As she drove away, Madonna seemed to love everyone cheering so she popped her hand out and waved a bit like a member of the royal family," a local added.

Her birthday isn't the only thing she has to celebrate, as last night it was announced Madonna is the most nominated artist for the 2026 MTV VMAs, taking place on September 27.

She leads the pack with 11, including Video, Artist and Song of the Year for Bring Your Love, while **TAYLOR SWIFT** is just behind with nine nods.

Isla's red-hot

YOU can take it as read . . . ISLA FISHER is definitely a fiery redhead.

On the promo trail in New York for new movie Spa Weekend, which is out on Friday, she said: "I'm a real redhead and I feel like I've earned the right to be red because I was bullied at school and I had all of the usual stuff that redheads go through.

"I always get mad when people just dye their hair red, I'm like, 'You don't know what we went through at school to be redhead!'"

STRIKE A POSE . . . Madge with umbrella

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MADGE BASH IS A BIT UNORTHODOX

GETAWAY . . . my story on Monday

TV HIT . . . Keeley, *right*, and show cast

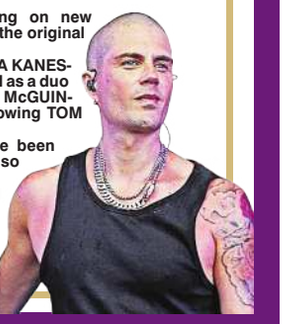
THE WANTED are working on new music – but without half of the original line-up.

MAX GEORGE, *inset*, and SIVA KANESWARAN are writing new material as a duo after NATHAN SYKES and JAY McGUINNESS decided not to return following TOM PARKER's death in 2022.

Siva told Culture Fix: "We've been writing for the past few months, so we want to carry on.

"The essence of The Wanted was pop/dance and I think we're going to lean a bit more towards dance.

"I don't think that's a crazy thing to do for us."



DOG OWNER ON DEATH CHARGES

By PAUL SIMS

A DOG owner appeared in court yesterday charged with manslaughter after his German Shepherd allegedly savaged a walker to death.

Lee Ellis, 55, is also accused of being in charge of a dog dangerously out of control, causing injury resulting in the death of James Judge, 55.

It followed a "verbal altercation" over a footpath right of way in Wakefield, West Yorks, on Saturday, a court heard. Some of the confrontation was filmed on mobile phone, it is believed.

Prosecutor Georgina Fishwick said an initial post-mortem could not determine how many dog bites Mr Judge had suffered, but one behind his right knee had significantly contributed to his death. He died in hospital on Saturday evening.

Self-employed farrier Ellis, who appeared in court in grey sweatshirt and joggers, did not enter a plea but his solicitor said his client would ask for a trial.

Ellis, of Wakefield, was bailed at Bradford magistrates' court but faces a curfew. He is due to appear at Leeds crown court on September 16. A German Shepherd seized as part of the investigation is being held in police kennels.

Ellis . . . at court yesterday

Riddle of shooting

A MURDER probe is underway after a man in his 40s was found shot dead inside a vehicle.

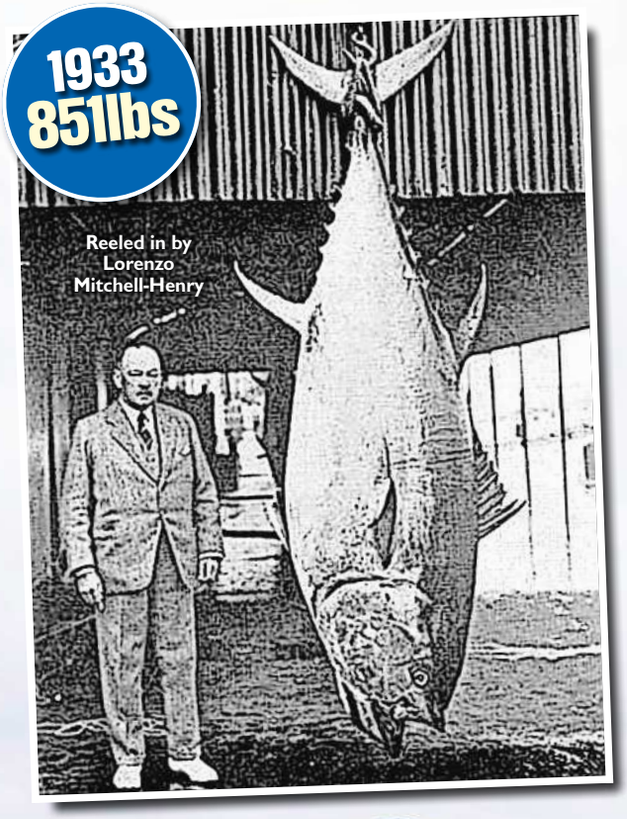
Police discovered the victim's corpse in Newham, East London, at 3am on Tuesday. His family had been informed.

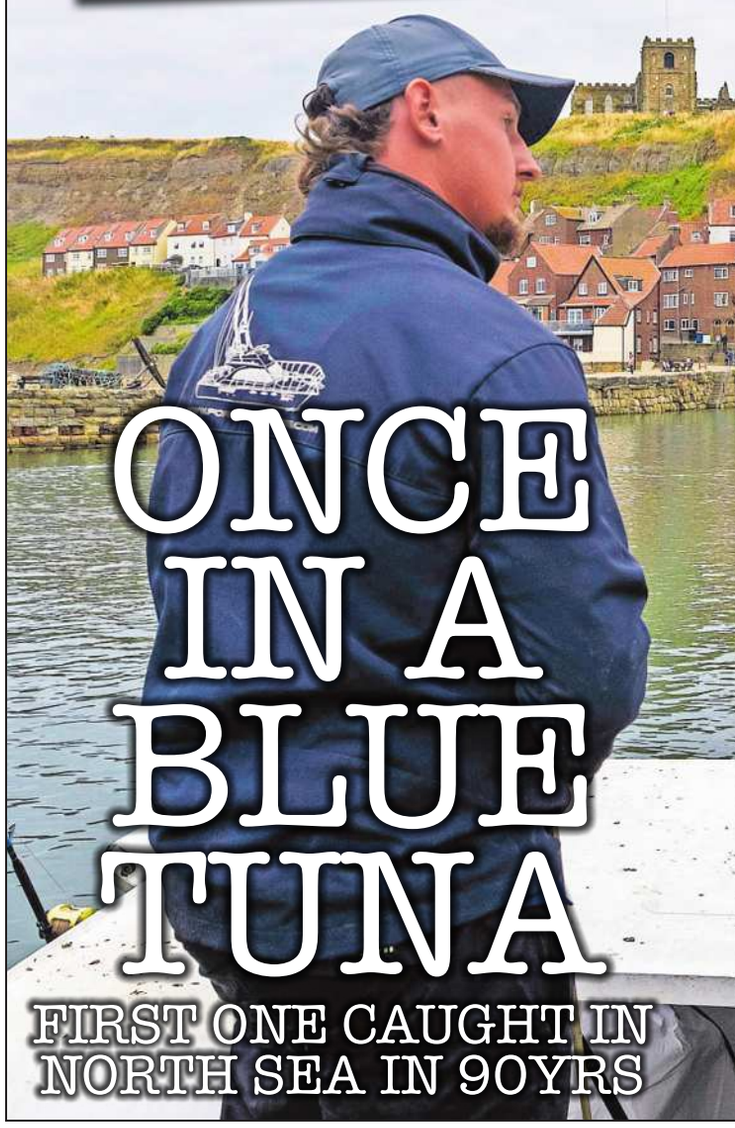
Detective Chief Inspector Dan Whitten said: "My team are doing everything we can to determine what happened and trace those responsible."

HAIL TO THE 'CHIEFS

Eight of Winston Churchill's handkerchiefs fetched £2,580 at auction yesterday in Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex.

BIG FISH BACK





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ON UK SHORES

Huge tuna is winched ashore, and below, the fishing boat's delighted crew

Picture: BNPS

By ALEX WEST

A MASSIVE bluefin tuna has been caught and landed in the North Sea for the first time in almost 90 years.

The 53-stone fish is believed to be the first brought into Whitby Harbour since 1939.

The port was once a mecca for big-game fishing. Hollywood stars such as Clark Gable and David Niven used to visit in the hope of catching the enormous fish.

Whitby holds the British record for a bluefin caught on rod and line – a 851lb monster in 1933.

Overfishing of herring stocks – tunas' primary food source – meant the species disappeared from the UK's coast.

But over the past ten years, they have returned in huge numbers to waters off Devon and Cornwall – and are now in the North Sea.

Strict Defra rules mean only a handful of fishing vessels are licensed to catch and land a quota of bluefin tuna, which they can sell for thousands of pounds.

The delighted crew of Whitby fishing vessel Dominator brought home their whopper on Sunday.

Whitby photographer Glenn Kilpatrick was on hand when the boat came in – and noticed it was "sitting noticeably heavy to one side" as it docked.

He said: "The live weight was calculated at 746.54lb. That is one seriously big fish.

"The crew were understandably pleased. I'm told it will now be sold to restaurants in the UK.

"I believe this may be the first tunny – as they were traditionally known here – landed at Whitby since 1939."

Improving herring stocks have led to the return of several species. He said: "We now regularly see minke and humpback whales and several dolphin species."

The University of Exeter is monitoring bluefin tuna stocks.

Dr Lucy Hawkes, who is leading the research, said they are "top predators who can only be in these waters if the ecosystems under them are healthy.

"Their presence is a good way of signalling your waters are doing well, but we have no idea where they've come from – which is why tagging is so important."

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META 'HID TRUTH' ON CHILD SAFETY

SOCIAL media giant Meta "hid the truth" over child safety, a court has heard.

The firm, which owns Facebook and Instagram, has been accused of deliberately designing its platforms to be addictive to kids, even to the harm of their mental health.

Solicitors from four US states – California, Colorado, Kentucky and New Jersey – are challenging the tech company for a payout that could total more than £1trillion.

By ODHRAN GALLAGHER

The claimants are also seeking to force restrictions to the use of "dopamine-manipulating" algorithms and strengthen parental controls on kids' accounts.

Megan O'Neill, Deputy Attorney General for California, said the Meta model had "worked well for kids" as it lured them to return.

The trial originates from a 2023 lawsuit filed by 29 states on child privacy laws being violated. The remaining 25 will go to trial at a later date.

Case . . . Zuckerberg

The hearing at Oakland Federal Court, California, could force Meta, whose chairman is Mark Zuckerberg, to strip away "addictive" tools such as "like" counts, beauty filters, video autoplays, and infinite scrolling.

Meta denies the allegations and claims to have a "long-standing commitment to supporting young people".

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A GREAT BARGAIN, OR SNEAKY MARKETING?

How to find the real deal

THE Government is cracking down on fake discounts from retailers.

By LANA CLEMENTS

Brands will be stopped from making misleading claims about savings under new plans due to come into force next year.

Why wait? Here is how to see if an item you are eyeing up is a genuine bargain.

PRICE HISTORY: Fake bargains are when stores inflate prices for a short time before bringing the cost back down so the item can be advertised as discounted.

The tactic can dupe customers into thinking they have scored a great offer.

Wise up by using sites to track price histories, which will indicate if the cost you are seeing is as good as a retailer is claiming.

Search pricespy.co.uk for goods and you can see price history generally as well as specific retailers.

For Amazon, you can try uk.camelcamelcamel.com.

SHOP AROUND: Before buying a product from any retailer, you should always look at what competitors are offering.

Just because you are seeing an item on sale doesn't mean it's the cheapest price.

It is especially easy to compare the prices of branded products that are stocked at multiple retailers, but you can also make own-brand comparisons too.

Google shopping or pricerunner.com are online tools that both allow you to see prices from different stores.

SEASONAL SAVINGS: Prices for lots of items tend to move seasonally, going up and down throughout the year, depending on demand.

Price tracking site idealo.co.uk has an online "best time to buy" calendar. It shows August is when the cost for Barbies and e-scooters are generally much higher.

On the other hand, in September, electronics such as tablets and gaming consoles are typically at their cheapest, as well as air fryers and paddling pools.

If you are able to time your purchase according to the trends, you could find that you are able to find a genuine bargain.

●All prices on page correct at time of going to press. Deals and offers subject to availability.

What's new?

ICELAND has launched a series of £1 flash sale meal deal bundles. You can get various deals, such as a loaf of bread, cooked meat, snack and drink, saving up to £3.45. Ends Friday.

Little helper

H&M members can get 20 per cent off school uniform. The deal takes these black trainers down from £14.99 to £11.99.

TOP SWAP

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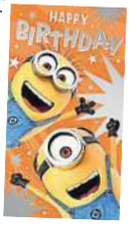

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Hannah's dressed to impress

By JACK HARDWICK

HANNAH Waddingham looks set for another polished performance as she arrives at a TV studio in a silver dress to promote a new series of Ted Lasso.

The actress, 52, who plays an English football club owner in the US sports comedy drama, wore the figure-hugging frock as she went on US talk show Jimmy Kimmel Live!.

The Brit spoke with guest host Rosie O'Donnell about series four of the hit Apple TV show, which is out now.

It was her first major interview since going public with her new boyfriend, spinal surgeon Nick Beresford-Cleary, at March's Cheltenham Festival.

Picture: GETTY

Name riddle . . Hollie

Popcorn mystery for Hollie

EXCLUSIVE by ZEENIA NAVQEE

A MUM called Hollie-Popcorn Sanderson is looking for help from Sun readers to find a mystery telly cop character that inspired her quirky name.

The 31-year-old says her mum believes she named her after a female detective called "Lucy Popcorn" from a TV show in the 1990s.

But there is no trace online of the name so she is hoping someone can solve the mystery.

The mum of three has embraced her unusual name – she even has a popcorn-themed wall at her home in Uxbridge, West London.

And she has a tattoo of the cinema snack that says "fresh since 95".

The British Sign Language teacher uses "Popcorn" as her sign name.

She said: "As an adult I absolutely love and embrace my name."

But she is not a fan of the stuff itself, saying: "I think popcorn's quite dry.

"It wouldn't be my choice and I rarely go to the cinema."

WE'LL KIP GOING

Middle-aged people with healthy sleeping patterns keep working for longer, a study suggests.

EXCLUSIVE

'BA SEX ATTACK AFTER VODKA BINGE'

Cabin worker in the dock

A BRITISH Airways cabin worker sexually assaulted a colleague on a boozy stop-over, a court heard.

By STEPHEN MOYES and SEBASTIAN HAW

Ryan Lim, 31, is accused of pleasuring himself while rubbing the stewardess's bottom as she slept in a hotel bed with him and another male.

She says she was woken by Lim's "sexual moaning" before seeing his hand moving up and down in a bedroom mirror.

The crew went on a drinking spree after arriving in Rio de Janeiro from London and captain James Hewitt bought a bottle of vodka in a club around midnight.

Speaking at Isleworth crown court, the alleged victim said she does not remember how she came to be in her male colleague's hotel room with him and Lim – but was woken up by the assault.

She said: "As I woke up, I felt my bum being touched.

"I heard sexual moaning from right beside me.

"He was rubbing my bum. I was facing a mirror, a sliding door. I saw movements of the bed-sheets, like a hand movement up and down."

On trial . . . Ryan Lim

She then got out of bed and went to the bathroom where she threw up and heard her two male colleagues speaking before going to confront Lim. She added: "He became a bit frantic – he could see I was very uncomfortable.

"He said, 'What happens in this room stays in this room'."

The alleged assault was reported to Brazilian police and captain Hewitt. Two BA flights were cancelled as a result.

She claimed she was about "five-out-of-ten" drunk.

Lily Hayes, prosecuting, said: "[The victim] says that at no point did she consent to be sexually touched."

Sophia Kerridge, defending, said yesterday: "You woke up in a room with two boys, you were coming in and out of sleep when you noticed something that could be sexual activity.

"At the time you were not sure what you had experienced was something more innocent. I suggest to you it didn't happen because you would have been in a rush to leave that room."

Lim, of Sunderland, denies sexual assault. Trial continues.

IS YOUR GRASS LOOKING BROWN AND OUT? TRY OUR EXPERT TIPS ON HOW TO SAVE IT

Don't give up on 'dead' grass

WITH one heatwave waning and another set to grip Britain next month, the outlook appears bleak for lawns.

But experts' message is: "Do not be discouraged".

John Cushing, of Goldstone Hall Hotel & Gardens, Shrops, says grass is "remarkably resilient" and will not die because of a drought.

Gardening expert Gareth Lloyd Jones, of HIPPO Waste, adds: "A lawn going brown does not mean it is dead. Grass can go dormant in very dry weather, then starts coming back once there has been some decent rain."

Make use of rainwater

IF you have rainwater stored up, use it to give your thirsty plants a boost.

And if you don't have any in reserve, a good idea is to invest in a water butt so you're ready for the next heatwave.

Gareth says: "A water butt is really useful. You are obviously not going to collect much rain in a dry spell, but the point is to have some of the rainwater stored ready for when you need it."

He also advises gardeners hit by a hosepipe ban to double check the rules with their own water company, because restrictions and exemptions can differ across areas.

Ditch the fertiliser for now

IF your plant looks weak, feeding it would seem a straightforward solution – but this is not the right time.

A plant struggling in the heat first needs water and protection. Adding fertiliser to very dry soil can increase its stress and cause damage.

Gareth advises waiting until the hot weather has passed and the plant has started recovering before returning to the usual feeding routine.

Heavy pruning can wait too. There is little reason to give a plant another change to deal with while it is already struggling.

Focus on flowers and veggies

THANKS to the hosepipe ban, watering your garden is not an option.

But experts reckon it is better to focus on reviving your flowers and vegetable patch than your grass.

Gareth says: "If there is a ban, I would not use the water I have trying to keep a lawn green.

"Grass has a much better chance of recovering than a hanging basket or a vegetable plant that has dried out. Anything recently planted would be higher up my list to look after.

"A watering can is useful – pour around the roots rather than over the whole plant."

8 ways to restore lawn order

By KATE KULNIECE

WITH more days reaching temperatures over 34C than ever before, 2026 is the hottest year in UK history.

And our gardens, with their dry grass, parched veg and wilting flowers, are paying the price.

Up and down the country our green spaces have transformed into dusty, brown tinderboxes.

But with a hosepipe ban in place and little rain this week, can your parched patch recover?

The good news is that there are plenty of tricks to revive them.

Amid forecasts of "hotter, drier" summers ahead, three pro gardeners reveal how they protect their gardens to ensure they survive the next wave of scorchers.

Here, we share their eight top tips.

Don't cut the lawn too short

YOU may find there is less need to mow your lawn. Grass growth slows when conditions are very dry, so leaving the mower alone for a few more days will not do any harm.

It is important not to cut the grass too short. Gareth says: "Raise the mower slightly and keep the length longer than you would normally.

"Cutting the grass very short exposes more of the soil underneath, which you do not want when the ground is already drying out.

"If it has grown quite long, do not try to remove all of that growth in one go. Take a little off and come back to it."

Give new plants extra attention

THE experts say new plants need extra attention and careful watering.

Gareth explains: "An established shrub has a much bigger root system to work with – something you planted a few weeks ago does not.

"To give the plant a chance to survive, water around the base and make sure the water reaches deeper into the soil.

"Sometimes you have only wet the top centimetre. Stick a finger into the soil and check the moisture.

"With vegetables, try not to let them go completely dry and then suddenly drown them."

Don't overwater after hosepipe ban

DROOPING leaves can make it very tempting to start watering right away once you are allowed to. But plants can wilt temporarily during the hottest part of the afternoon, even when there is still moisture in the ground.

And overwatering everything just because the weather is hot can cause its own problems.

Roots still need oxygen, and Gareth warns that soaking soil that is already wet will not help the plant to recover.

Instead, he suggests that gardeners check the soil's moisture levels and water accordingly.

Future-proof your garden

GARETH advises: "Maybe there is a bed that gets full sun all afternoon, or pots beside a wall that get far hotter than you thought. Place plants that cope better with dry conditions there.

"Adding compost to beds can help soil hold on to water, and mulch is better put down before everything dries out."

Daniel Puicar, head gardener at Middleton Hall and Gardens, Staffs, adds: "Using a rake or scarifier in a cross-cross pattern across the lawn can help. The jagged edges of the broken soil will decrease water run-off, allowing more water into the soil."

HOT WEATHER LESSONS . . . The Sun's Veronica

PLANTS WILL SURVIVE AND THRIVE

By VERONICA LORRAINE, Sun Gardening Editor

THE most important thing to remember about your heatwave-ravaged garden is Don't Give Up.

Yes, they all look like barren dust bowls at the moment, punctuated with hardy green weeds (how are brambles STILL thriving?).

But underneath it all your outside space is being as clever as ever.

The grass might be yellow – but it's probably not dead. Instead, it's gone to sleep to combat stress. It's a natural defence system and should bounce back when conditions improve.

Some of your plants' leaves might be looking crispy or yellow. But again, it's not the end of the world – they're using that energy elsewhere for more important things.

This hot weather is the perfect time to learn some lessons.

What worked in your garden this year and what didn't? And think long and hard about what else you could grow to replace the stuff that pretty much instantly went brown, collapsed and died.

If you're lucky enough to go abroad, look at what's growing in the hot weather.

Mediterranean plants such as lavender, rosemary, succulents and Oleander are experts at dealing with higher temperatures – and grow well here too.

I found in my garden and allotment that anything grown from a bulb managed a bit better too, as they've got so much of what they need stored already.

Spider plants also did well outside, agapanthus, some grasses, snap dragons, salvias and actually my ferns, which are sheltered, also fared really well.

So what I'm really saying is: Don't panic.

In fact, just sit back, relax, and lapse into a delicious daydream planning your green and pleasant land next year.

Just don't forget to water.

Resigned . . . Gardner

Top cop ban over handing lover info

By ALEX WEST

A FORMER detective inspector has been barred from the police after illegally accessing records for her doorman lover.

Emma Gardner, 46, passed details to Simon Acton after telling him: "I have my uses."

The logs involved "a relatively minor complaint" related to bouncer Acton and three women.

A gross misconduct allegation has been found proven at a North Wales Police Force hearing.

It barred Gardner from any force in England and Wales and said she would have been sacked had she not resigned.

Chief Constable Amanda Blakeman said her conduct "plainly damages the reputation of the police service".

In July, Gardner was convicted of unauthorised access to computer material at Caernarfon crown court and awaits sentence.

Inquest . . . Miss Ally

Rave DJ is found dead at a festival

By ALEX WEST

A WOMAN found dead at a stately home's electronic music festival was a top Ibiza DJ.

Santanna Maria Ally, 38, was found in a tent on the final day of the event at Houghton Hall, Norfolk, on August 9.

Her death was initially treated as unexplained but yesterday an inquest in Norwich, Norfolk, heard the medical cause was hanging.

Coroner Yvonne Blake ordered Miss Ally's GP records to be obtained as part of the probe into her death, ahead of a full hearing on December 15.

She was born in London but lived in Ibiza for two decades, where she became a well-known dance music DJ using the name Santanna Oush.

A GoFundMe appeal set up by friend Marcus Eppy, to help pay for her funeral, has raised more than £8,000. He said: "She was always the life and soul of the party."

MUMMIES BOYS

Museum warns Egypt exhibit contains, er, mummies

THE British Museum has been criticised for warning visitors that a tour on life and death in ancient Egypt features mummies.

Ticket-holders are alerted that the exhibition "visits displays that include human remains".

It adds that the £35-a-pop attraction will "explore the preparation of the deceased for burial, including mummification".

EXCLUSIVE by STEPHEN MOYES

The 9am attraction, called Out-of-hours tour: Life and death in ancient Egypt, will also show how funerary remains "can tell us about the lives of the ancient Egyptians".

Bosses at the world-famous museum, Britain's biggest with more than six million visitors a year, say it treats its more than 6,000 human remains "with respect and dignity."

History nut Simon Fisher, 52, of Slough, Berks, came across its mummies warning while looking to book tickets to the British Museum tour.

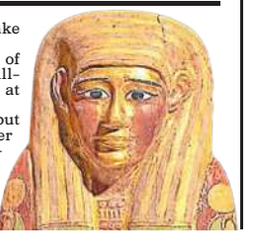
The former academic said: "I wonder what the ancient civilisations would make of today's woke nonsense.

"The warning seems incredibly preachy and written for the sake of it. It's complete overkill."

The alert follows a warning of "grief, suicide and mental illness" in Shakespeare's Hamlet at London's National Theatre.

And Cambridge University put a "themes of violence" trigger warning to students on fairy-tale Little Red Riding Hood.

The British Museum was approached for comment.



Case closed . . . sarcophagus

Burglar's bag print

A SERIAL burglar was caught after leaving a fingerprint on a Sainsbury's bag for life.

Charlie Woodford, 27, was linked to gang raids worth £127,000 on a string of businesses.

The supermarket bag had been left behind at a burgled opticians in Haslemere, Surrey.

Woodford, of Southampton, admitted charges including robbery and was jailed for 12 years at the city's crown court.

DIRTY DUDS..

A school cap and tie worn by AC/DC's Angus Young on stage in 1980 may fetch £6,000 at auction in Woking, Surrey.

Picture: YSL BEAUTY/DIANA KUNST

DUA TOP NOTES

By ELLIE HENMAN

GLAMOROUS Dua Lipa nose a good deal when she sees it, as she continues to partner with perfume brand Yves Saint Laurent.

The pop star, 30, who has partnerships with Versace and Porsche, is the new face of their scent Libre Santal Couture.

Londoner Dua, a former model, is said to be worth £150million. She married Fantastic Beasts star Callum Turner, 36, in May.

Awol . . . coach Leon

Riddle of vanished track ace

By SAM CREED

FEARS are growing for a former Team GB sprinter who has not been heard from for two months.

Leon Baptiste, 41, travelled to Morocco for what was believed to be either a stag-do or golf trip.

But he failed to return to his role as a coach to elite athletes, including 4x400m Olympic bronze medallist Charlie Dobson.

Last week, Dobson competed without his mentor at the European Athletics Championships in Birmingham.

Baptiste – also employed as a consultant by UK Athletics – was a notable absence as Dobson failed to make it into the event's 400m finals.

Baptiste won two gold medals for England at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi.

A former ex-teammate said: "No one knows what's happened. It's very worrying."

Address leak rap

AN employee of a firm that houses asylum seekers has been accused of sharing addresses that were violently targeted in nights of protests.

Serco worker James Jobson, 62, of Costessey, Norfolk, was charged with misconduct in public office at Ipswich magistrates' court on Monday and remanded in custody until next month.

Police were assaulted during three nights of violent disorder around homes linked to asylum seekers in Thetford, Norfolk, this month. There have been 21 arrests.

£3K GUN FOX PLEA

A wildlife charity has put up a £3,000 reward for information after a fox shot in South London had to be put down.

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Clash . . . social club

Hammer attack at club over cats joke

By RYAN PARRY

A DRINKER hit a man on the head three times with a hammer in a row over a joke about cats.

David Parsons was offered a pint by Thomas Wynn at a social club, but said he had to leave to feed his mother's pets.

Mr Wynn made "a crude and foolish joke" suggesting he drown the cats, or drown his mum.

Parsons, 46, later wrote on Facebook that Mr Wynn "needed sorting".

Caernarfon crown court heard Mr Wynn intended to apologise when Parsons returned to the club in Saltney, Chester, and approached him with open arms.

But Parsons pulled out a claw hammer and lashed out. He admitted assault occasioning ABH and got a 12-month community order.

Judge Nicola Jones said Mr Wynn's comments went "beyond banter" but Parsons' response had "gone too far".

Model . . extinct bird

£11k sale of dodo bones in bids war

By JOHN LUCAS

TWO rare dodo foot bones made £11,000 at auction yesterday – almost three times their pre-sale estimate.

The flightless birds, native to Mauritius, were driven to extinction just 80 years after sailors landed there in 1598.

The bones, which both measure about 1.5in, were found by teacher George Clark on the island in the Indian Ocean in 1885.

He hired locals to wade through a swamp and feel for specimens with their feet and they retrieved hundreds.

Before then, only small skeletal fragments of the dodo were known.

Keen interest saw bids exceed their £4,000 estimate at Sworders, of Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex. They came with a letter confirming their authenticity.

A 17th-century magic charm went for £6,000, and a vampire-slaying kit fetched £4,500.

20 YEARS ON, SON ON RECOVERY

By JIM MALONEY

EVERYONE thought she was the perfect mum – not least, Lisa Hayden-Johnson herself.

She devotedly cared for her wheelchair-bound son Matthew, who was dubbed "Britain's Sickest Child" and had to be fed through a tube, relied on an oxygen tank, and needed a cocktail of drugs for a string of illnesses including diabetes, cerebral palsy and cystic fibrosis.

Lisa had sought medical help for her son 325 times before he was six years old and, in that time, he endured nine general anaesthetics and four operations.

Their story touched hearts nationwide as they gave television and newspaper interviews, culminating in Matthew receiving a bravery award from Camilla, then Duchess of Cornwall, in 2005.

But it was all a charade – and, in 2007, it was discovered the only person making Matthew ill was his mum.

Lisa was diagnosed with the rare condition Munchausen by Proxy (now known as Fabrication Induced Illness) – a form of abuse in which a person, usually the mother, feigns, exaggerates or induces illness in her own child in order to gain attention and sympathy.

Labelled "Britain's most evil mother", she was convicted of child cruelty in 2010 and jailed for 39 months after the prosecutor said she was motivated by publicity and financial rewards.

In an exclusive interview with The Sun, ahead of tonight's Channel 4 documentary, Love You To Death, Matthew and sister Laura speak out for the first time on their mother's damaging lies.

Surprisingly, Matthew says he forgives his mum and believes she "deserves peace".

No regrets

Now aged 25, he says: "It does concern me that her actions could have killed me, but then I also feel very blessed and lucky that I managed to move on and start anew and be just like any other fit and healthy person who can look after themselves.

"There's nothing impairing me from having that life. It took me a long time to properly understand what my mum had done, because I was so young, but I also wanted to avoid the reality of what had happened.

"I felt the more I understood it, the more it would take me away from having a mum. It wasn't something I wanted to explore. I only really addressed that when I was older.

"I forgive her."

Remarkably, 16 years on, Lisa still refuses to accept she did wrong.

In the three-part documentary, Love You To Death, she talks on camera for the first time since her release from prison.

Lisa says: "The only thing I was guilty of was putting my son first and fighting his battle. I don't regret that."

Matthew was born prematurely in 2001 and spent his first six months at Torbay Hospital before finally being discharged to his family home in the seaside town of Brixham, Devon.

Concerned that Matthew was "missing his milestones," Lisa focused her attention on securing the right medical support while her husband, Christopher, went to work.

Matthew's paediatrician, Dr Stella Imong, who worked at Torbay Hospital, says: "Most premature babies recover very quickly, but not Matthew.

"He would be in and out of the ward all the time. He was almost a permanent resident. He had his own consultant, Dr John Broomhall."

Having told medics that she was a qualified nurse, the hospital agreed to let Lisa administer his oxygen and food at home, and arranged weekly deliveries of his prescribed drugs to the house.

"She could be quite demanding," recalls Dr Imong. "She knew exactly what she wanted for Matthew. A lot of people on the ward had concerns about her."

Suspicions grew when X-rays and tests for alleged swallowing problems showed nothing amiss.

Irritated by what she saw as a lack of improvement, Lisa said she was taking Matthew to top children's hospital Great Ormond Street in London.

"I never asked what was wrong with me, because I was so young," says Matthew. "I only understood I was different to other children and I was under the assumption that everything was happening for a reason."

Matthew's story caught the eye of local newspapers and TV news stations, which highlighted his daily struggles including pulling an oxygen tank on a trolley and relying on Lisa to tirelessly blend his meals and manage his medications.

"It was weird because he wasn't always using his wheelchair or the oxygen tank when we went out," says his sister Laura, now 27.

Matthew was put forward for a Children of Courage Award, which he received from Camilla at Westminster Abbey and was photographed outside 10 Downing Street with Tony Blair.

At the awards dinner, the family were delighted to be sitting with Simon Cowell, who invited them all to watch a recording of The X Factor.

Lisa, Christopher, Laura and Matthew were also invited on to the GMTV couch.

During their interview, Lisa claimed Matthew couldn't eat treats like chocolate and crisps, but this puzzled Laura.

She says: "That wasn't true, because at home we would have ice-cream and chocolate. Just normal things. I was so confused."

In 2007, doctors went to the police with their concerns and handed over three box loads of his medical records.

DS Steve Blair of Devon and Cornwall Police, together with a health professional and a social worker, found Lisa had been giving false readings of Matthew's blood-sugar levels for his

TINY TOT . . . Lisa with Matthew in 2001

KIDS' CLUB . . . Matthew, *far right*, and Camilla at awards

2005

Matthew at No10 Downing Street. He was forced to wear a nasal cannula and use an oxygen tank despite being able to breathe normally

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DECEPTION . . . Lisa outside court in 2010. She was jailed for child cruelty

7 FROM 'MUNCHAUSEN' MOTHER'S LIES

'HAPPY' . . . Chris, Matthew, Laura and Lisa in 2005 before the web of lies was uncovered

BRAVE . . . Children of Courage winner Matthew, *front*, meets Tony and Cherie Blair at No10

MOVED ON . . . Matthew's sister Laura has cut contact with their mum

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Matthew talks on the documentary

'I feel blessed and lucky I managed to move on. It took me a long time to understand what my mum had done. I was so young, but I also avoided the reality of what had happened'

'Mum's mindset hasn't shifted in the two decades that have passed. She still thinks she never did any wrong. She clearly has no remorse. I've accepted that she is who she is'

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hen Dr Broomhall insisted that take Matthew off medication, stormed out.

aring her deception was about to exposed at an upcoming hospital ointment for Matthew, Lisa pan- ed and claimed she had been ped by a motorcyclist. When lice could find no evidence of an ttack, she confessed to making it p.

She still tries to defend her lies, saying: "I've had to come to terms with the fact that it hap- pened in my head and not in real life."

In October 2007, Lisa was arrested on suspicion of harming Matthew. She was found to have lied about her medical qualification and a search of her home uncov- ered boxes of unused medi- cation. Police found a cupboard full of glucose powder, which they believe she had been add- ing to Matthew's urine samples to trick doctors into believing he had diabetes.

There were also family pictures of Matthew playing and tucking into a roast dinner and burgers.

As well as charity donations, it is estimated that Lisa claimed around £200,000 in various benefits for Matt- hew. Christopher had been kept entirely in the dark.

'Fresh slate'

Following Lisa's arrest, Matthew was moved into temporary foster care. He was gradually taken off all medi- cation and began to eat and breathe like any other healthy child.

Dr Imong says: "She had con- strained his life so much that it was equivalent, really, to physical abuse."

While Matthew was in care, social workers explained to Laura that her mother had been hurting him. She recalls: "My dad was so heartbroken. It wasn't until she actually got arrested that I ever heard my dad speaking negatively about her.

"He would say things like, 'She's ruined your lives,' 'she nearly killed your brother.' That was a shock because I had grown up witnessing such amazing love between them. Now it was hate."

Christopher moved to Sheffield with his two children for a fresh start.

Matthew says: "Sometimes I feel like my life started when I moved to Sheffield. Although I was struggling with the loss of my mum being around, it felt like a new life.

"I could do things. It was nice to have a fresh slate and just be like a normal kid."

Lisa, then 35, pleaded guilty to child cruelty and perverting the course of justice at Exeter Crown Court in Jan- uary 2010 and was jailed for more than three years. She was released in 2011, having served 19 months.

Lisa was permitted to see her children in the presence of a social worker. Matthew says: "I must have been 11 or 12 and I ran into her arms and gave her a hug. I just wanted to see my mum again."

More meetings followed and Laura decided to move in with her mum when she was 16.

She says: "Life was amazing with Mum at first. I was just so grateful to have her in my life. I wasn't thinking too much about the past."

Alarmingly, Lisa soon became unwell and Laura had to push her around in a wheelchair.

She says: "It was like I was her carer. She also had what she called blips, where she regressed into a five- year-old, watching Peppa Pig and self-harming, before snapping out of it, seemingly unaware of what she was doing.

"When I moved out, all her blip- ping magically disappeared and she no longer needed a wheelchair."

Matthew and Laura have now cut ties with their mother.

He says: "Her mindset hasn't shifted in the two decades that have passed. She still thinks she never did any- thing wrong. She clearly has no remorse."

Laura adds: "I have mixed emotions about her now – part anger, part sympathy. I sympathise that she's very clearly got something going on men- tally, but I still feel angry that she could do those things.

"At some point you have to take accountability for what you have done. But she isn't going to, and it would be too damaging to us both if we were to build a relationship again only to see it break once more."

Matthew, who works in admin, lives a happy and healthy life.

He says: "I live in Chesterfield, so I'm not too far from Sheffield.

"I've got a great circle of friends that have been really supportive.

"I've accepted my mum is who she is and isn't going to change. I just hope she can live in peace."

●Love You To Death, Channel 4, tonight, at 9pm.

Wednesday Sun TV 4-PAGE SECTION TV GUIDE

BBC ONE

6am Breakfast (S)
9.30 Countryfile Treasures John Craven explores the history shaped by the River Nidd. (R,S)
10.30 Garden Rescue (R,S)
11.15 Homes Under The Hammer The progress of properties in Staffordshire, Liverpool and Nottinghamshire. (S)
12.15 Bargain Hunt Teams compete in the Herefordshire market town of Leominster. (R,S)
1.00 BBC News (S)
2.00 Money For Nothing Sarah Moore seeks items at Witley recycling centre in Surrey. (S)
2.45 Escape To The Country Alistair Appleton helps an artistic couple escape to the Scottish Highlands. (R,S)
3.30 The Repair Shop The experts restore a village sign, an organ, a shop till and 1940s cinema seats. (R,S)
4.30 The Answer Run Quiz hosted by Jason Manford. (S)
5.15 Pointless Quiz hosted by Alexander Armstrong and co-host Nish Kumar. (R,S)
6.00 BBC News (S)
6.30 Regional News (S)

8pm An update on two sketchbooks in Fake or Fortune? What Happened Next

7.00 The One Show Clara Amfo and JB Gill present the magazine show with celebrity guests and stories of interest from around the UK. (S)
7.30 EastEnders It is the day of Cindy and Kim's hen dos, Ross steps up for Joel, and Kat supports Kim when her day does not go to plan. (S)
8.00 Fake Or Fortune? What Happened Next (5/6) An update on a 2018 edition exploring whether two sketchbooks found in a garden shed in France were really the work of a young Toulouse-Lautrec. (S)
9.00 Celebrity MasterChef (2/15) Joe Pasquale, Jason Mohammad, Emily Campbell, Shakira Khan and Jay McGuiness serve up a dish using a mystery ingredient and cook a pie for guest Paddy McGuinness. (S)
10.00 BBC News (S)
10.30 Regional News (S)
10.40 MOTD: UEFA Champions League Action from the play-off round first-leg ties, including Celtic v LASK at Celtic Park. (S)
11.25 PREMIERE **Monkey Man** FILM Action thriller, co-written, produced, directed by and starring Dev Patel. A man unleashes his own brand of vengeance against the men who killed his mother, and continue to exploit the powerless. (2024) ✪✪✪✪ (S) Followed by **Weather For The Week Ahead**
1.25-6am BBC News (S)

BBC TWO

6.15 am Homes Under The Hammer Property auctions. (R,S)
7.15 Money For Nothing (R,S)
8.00 Sign Zone: Great Japanese Railway Journeys (R,S,SL)
8.30 Great Continental Railway Journeys (R,S,SL)
9.00 BBC News (S)
1.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games (R,S)
1.30 The Finish Line (R,S)
2.15 Do You Know Your Place? The contestants demonstrate their knowledge of Paisley. (R,S)
2.45 Animal Park Summer (R,S)
3.30 Serengeti II The young animals learn to hunt in the aftermath of the flood. (R,S)
4.30 Vintage Antiques Roadshow Michael Aspel and his team of experts visit Lake Bala in north Wales. (R,S)
5.15 Flog It! From Barrow Hill Roundhouse in Derbyshire. (R,S)
6.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games With Edith Bowman, Rhys James, Anita Rani and Simon Rimmer. (R,S)
6.30 Bear Grylls: Wild Reckoning The adventurer revisits some of the people he tried to help. (R,S)

10pm Dr Orna Guralnik talks more couples through their differences in Couples Therapy

7.00 Today At The Test England v Pakistan. Action from the opening day of the first Test in the three-match series, held at Headingley Cricket Ground in Leeds. (S)
8.00 Digging For Britain (6/6) Alice Roberts explores treasures in the west of Britain, including the remains of Snodhill Castle in Herefordshire and the oldest house ever found in Cardiff. (R,S)
9.00 Murder Trial: Death Of A Dog Walker (2/2) With Brian Low's family seeking justice and answers, David Campbell takes the stand to defend himself against a murder charge built on circumstantial evidence. (S)
10.00 Couples Therapy NEW (1/9) Documentary about the world of relationship counselling. Dr Orna Guralnik talks Marjorie and Jason through their political differences. (S)
10.30 Newsnight Analysis of the day's events presented by Katie Razzall. (S) Followed by **Weather**
11.05 Couples Therapy (2 & 3/9) Double bill. Chris opens up about his infidelities as Sienna questions why she's stuck around so long. Then, Jason turns to ChatGPT for support after Marjorie dismisses his weight loss. (S)
12.05 Buried With Michael Sheen (R,S) **1.05** Sign Zone: Amityville: An Origin Story (R,S,SL) **1.55-2.55am** Evolution (R,S,SL)

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6am Good Morning Britain (S)
10.00 This Morning A mix of celebrity chat, lifestyle features, advice and competitions. Including Local Weather. (S)
1.00 ITV News (S)
1.20 Regional News (S)
1.30 ITV Racing: From York LIVE Francesca Cumani and Ed Chamberlin present coverage of the opening day of the Ebor Meeting, including feature race the Juddmonte International Stakes. Analysis comes from Jason Weaver, Adele Mulrennan and Ruby Walsh, with reporting by Matt Chapman, Oli Bell and Mick Fitzgerald, and commentary from Richard Hoiles. (S) Followed by **Local Weather**
4.30 Tipping Point: Best Ever Finals Compilation of some of the most dramatic endgames from the arcade-themed quiz show hosted by Ben Shephard, in which the last contestant standing competes for a £10,000 jackpot. (R,S)
5.00 The Chase Quiz show. (R,S)
6.00 Regional News (S)
6.30 ITV News (S)

9pm Ben Miller stars as the titular character in the drama Professor T

7.30 Inside The Langham: Britain's First Grand Hotel (6/6) It is the 160th anniversary of the Langham as the entire team races to deliver a celebration worthy of the iconic hotel's legacy. (S)
8.00 Emmerdale Kev makes a confession that leaves Billy stunned and later he smashes Caleb's laptop. (S)
8.30 Coronation Street Idris coaches Ollie ahead of the poker night at Speed Daal. (S)
9.00 Professor T NEW (1/6) Jasper is no longer consulting for the police following Lisa's death but he is lured back in when a woman disappears from a yacht. Drama starring Ben Miller. (S)
10.00 ITV News At Ten (S)
10.30 Regional News (S)
10.45 Long Lost Family: Born Without Trace: What Happened Next Foundling Susanne Barrow reveals further discoveries after meeting her half-brother Ian in 2024, while Tom Yeo discusses a development after his appearance on the show. (R,S)
11.40 British Touring Car Championship Highlights Highlights of the sixth weekend of the 2026 British Touring Car Championship. (S)
1.05 Shop On TV 3.00 Love & Death (R,S) **3.50** Inside The Langham: Britain's First Grand Hotel (R,S,SL) **4.15** Unwind With ITV (S) **5.30-6am** Tom Kerridge Cooks Italy (R,S,SL)

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6.30 am The King Of Queens (R,S)
7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond Triple bill of the sitcom. (R,S)
9.10 Frasier Four episodes. (R,S)
11.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA A Puerto Rican restaurant in Yonkers, New York. (R,S)
12.05 C4 News (S)
12.10 Find It, Fix It, Flog It Henry Cole and Simon O'Brien are in Lincolnshire, where they meet mother and son Sarah Jane and Josh, who are trying to restore a historic windmill. (R,S)
1.10 The Great House Giveaway Plumber Veronica and joiner Stevie get together for the first time to turn a tired auction property in West Yorkshire into a spanking new family home. (R,S)
2.10 Countdown (S)
3.00 A Place In The Sun (R,S)
4.00 The Great B&B Challenge Jacqui and Rob fail to learn from their mistakes. (R,S)
5.00 Château DIY Becky and Mark rush to get everything ready for an open day. (R,S)
6.00 American Pickers Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz are spoilt for choice in Ohio. (R,S)

9pm Lisa Hayden-Johnson's deception is uncovered in Love You To Death

7.00 C4 News (S)
8.00 Extraordinary Extensions Tinie Tempah meets a Croydon couple who are building the barn extension of their dreams, inspired by their passions for cars and crafts. He also revisits a property in Manchester featured in the last series. (S)
9.00 Love You To Death NEW (1/3) Lisa Hayden-Johnson won public sympathy with her fight for her son Matthew's medical care. His inability to walk, eat or breathe without assistance meant he became accustomed to the media spotlight at a young age. But behind the headlines lay a shocking deception - all along his mother had been fabricating her child's illness. (S)
10.00 Outback Murder Highway NEW Double bill. (1 & 2/4) Crime documentary investigating killings along a 500-mile Australian road, beginning with two student nurses who went missing while hitch-hiking in 1972. Then, an investigation into the murder of New Zealand motorcyclists Karen, Gordon and Timothy, who were shot dead near a remote caravan park at Mount Isa. (S)
12.05 Murder Case: The Digital Detectives (R,S,SL) **1.00** Celebrity Hunted (R,S,SL) **2.50** Ramsay's Hotel Hell (R,S) **3.40** Yorkshire By The Sea (R,S) **4.35** Kirstie's House Of Craft (R,S) **4.55** Couples Come Dine With Me (R,S) **5.50-6.30am** Countdown (R,S)

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6am Milkshake!
9.15 Jeremy Vine (S)
11.30 Storm & Alexis Discussion and debate, presented by Storm Huntley and Alexis Conran. (S)
12.45 5 News (S)
12.50 Matt Allwright Debate on the day's biggest stories, and consumer advice to help viewers save money. (S)
2.20 The Body In The Attic FILM A wife convinces her lover to move into her attic. After finding his dead body, she fears her husband knows more than he is letting on. Thriller starring Abigail Hawk. (2023) ✪✪✪ (S)
4.00 Castle The writer becomes obsessed with a murder because it reminds him of a pivotal event in his childhood. Last in the series. (R,S)
4.55 Love Nature Examining the reintroduction of pine martens into Dartmoor and Exmoor. (R,S)
5.00 5 News With Dan Walker (S)
6.00 Capri: Jewel Of The Med Cameras focus on one of the Mediterranean's smallest inhabited islands. (R,S) Followed by **5 News Update**

10pm Surgeon Andrew Kay features in the documentary series 999: Critical Condition

7.00 Car Pound Cops (8/8) Tracking cars as they are seized for a variety of offences with access to car pounds, police forces, local council enforcement agencies, and more. (R,S) Followed by **5 News Update**
8.00 Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts As the team at Barnsley Casualty deal with winter pressures, Dr Darya Pospyelova looks after a woman who has been bleeding heavily from her nose for over three hours. (S)
9.00 999: Critical Condition (6/6) A man worries that he may never walk again after a road traffic accident and a mother fights for her life during a severe asthma attack. (S)
10.00 A&E: Crash Scene Emergency The work of medical teams at University Hospital Coventry's trauma unit. Emergency services and helicopter medics perform lifesaving CPR on a 76-year-old man in cardiac arrest. (R,S)
11.05 Ambulance: Code Red A 64-year-old has collapsed at work with a suspected cardiac arrest. (R,S)
12.05 A&E After Dark (R,S) **1.00** Teleshopping (R,S) **2.00** GPs: Behind Closed Doors (R,S) **2.50** Castle (R,S) **3.40** Friends (R,S) **4.30** The Highland Vet (R,S,SL) **5.25** Entertainment News On 5 (S) **5.35** Paw Patrol (R,S,SL) **5.45-6am** The Adventures Of Paddington (R,S,SL)

REGIONAL VARIATIONS S4C: **6am** Cyw **11.00** Camau Bach **11.00** Abadas **11.15** Cywion Bach **11.20** Caru Canu A Stori **11.30** Octonots **11.45** Jen A Jim A'r Cywiadur **12.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **12.05** Cartrefi Cymru **12.30** Heno **1.00** Lowri Morgan: Her 333 **1.30** Garddio A Mwy **2.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **2.05** Prynhawn Da **3.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **3.05** Siwrna Scandi Chris **4.00** Awr Fawr: Howie **4.05** Dreigiau Cadi **4.20** Pentre Papur Pop **4.30** Ein Byd Bach Ni **4.40** Waw! **5.00** Stwnsh: Li Ban **5.15** Gwrach Y Rhibyn **5.35** Mabinogi-ogi **6.00** Dan Do **6.30** Adeiladu'r Freuddwyd: Camp Out West **7.00** Heno **7.30** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **8.00** Pobol Y Cwm **8.25** Cartrefi Cymru **8.55** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **9.00** Priodas Pum Mil **10.00** Y Deis **10.30-11.35pm** Ty Ffit

FILMS ✪✪✪✪✪ Brilliant ✪✪✪✪ Very Good ✪✪✪ Good ✪✪ Not Bad ✪ Poor (R) Repeat (S) Subtitles (SL) Sign Language

ABBEY DAYS . . . Jessica

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ONE BIG SEXED-UP INDUSTRY

JUST when you thought the BBC's steamiest show could not get any sexier, producers on Industry have cast two new stunning actresses in the financial thriller.

Downton Abbey beauty JESSICA BROWN FINDLAY, who played Lady Sybil Crawley in the period drama, and Glee's DIANNA AGRON join the fifth and final series of the filthy finance hit.

Jessica's character is Marina St Clair, a family friend of Sir Henry Muck (KIT HARINGTON), while Dianna plays Skip Binksy, the boss of a wellness tech company.

CARY ELWES, best known for his lead role in The Princess Bride, joins the cast as investor Padgett Stillman.

Mint's SAM RILEY is also on board, playing an elusive businessman, and Sherwood actor BALLY GILL will star as a charismatic left-wing politician in the new series, which is set to land next year.

POPULAR sci-fi novel The Ministry Of Time by Kaliane Bradley is getting the telly treatment in a new BBC series.

Secret Service's **AOIFE HINDS** and The Perfect Couple's **BILLY HOWLE** star in the tale about a department which gathers people from different eras to test time travel.

IT'S SUFF LUCK FOR CHARLIE

EASTENDERS actor CHARLIE SUFF is leaving the soap following his on-screen mum KELLIE BRIGHT's decision to quit as popular Linda Carter.

Charlie – the third actor to play Johnny Carter – had a meeting with bosses earlier this year where it was decided the character would go.

His departure means there will be no members of the Carter family left.

OFF . . Charlie

The clan, which once featured DANNY DYER as Mick, were at the centre of the soap for 13 years. An EastEnders spokeswoman said: "We wish Charlie all the best for the future."

A show insider added: "It's never easy when bosses have to make decisions about a character's future, but sometimes they have to be made for storytelling purposes."

Sad times.

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IN THE PINK . . . Selin Hizli as Jen, *below*

LEG AWAY. . . Charlie gets nabbed, *above*. Daisy and Tom Davis, *left*

COP A LOAD OF CHARLIE

THESE new pictures from the upcoming series of **DAISY MAY COOPER**'s Am I Being Unreasonable? make for an arresting sight.

Daisy's brother **CHARLIE COOPER** is back as Jurgen – and it looks like the eccentric mullet-rocking psychic has managed to get into a spot of bother with the authorities. He is carted off to a police car while dressed as a cop himself – minus the trousers.

Daisy returns as Nic, and the drama unfolds after a raucous hen do at her house, with Jurgen looking suspiciously like the stripper.

Nic trades sharp witticisms with her son Ollie, played by **LENNY RUSH**. He and Nic's pal Jen, portrayed by co-creator **SELIN HIZLI**, turn up dressed in pink fluffy cowboy hats and "Bride Tribe" balloons.

TOM DAVIS is also back as the unhinged cabbie for the third and final series of this brilliantly bonkers and much-loved BBC One show.

SOL SINGER

STACEY RETURN TO ITV PRIME TIME

SHE may have notched up a string of hit shows on the BBC but STACEY SOLOMON's latest gig suggests she is now the darling of ITV too.

I can reveal that the former X Factor star, who shot to fame on the ITV talent show in 2009, is returning to the fold as one of the celebrity "guessers" on The Masked Singer.

Stacey will be seen on **ALAN CARR**'s rival panel in a new series which will air early next year.

A TV insider said: "This comes just months after she appeared as a guest judge on Britain's Got Talent.

"Unconfirmed reports are that she'll also be the new co-host of The Voice with **ALESHA DIXON**.

"That's three of ITV's biggest Saturday night entertainment shows – which is no mean feat for anybody.

"The Masked Singer's producers reckon she'll bring the fun factor to the show.

"Plus she knows a thing or two about singing from her X Factor days."

Stacey said: "I'm so excited to be joining Alan Carr's team on The Masked Singer. Me and my family are huge fans of the show. I can't wait to start sleuthing and hopefully unmask a few more superstars."

ALL SINGING . . . Legends panel

The addition of Alan's rival panel of guessers on The Masked Singer – who will be known as the Wild Cards – was revealed earlier this year, although ITV has yet to confirm who else will be joining Stacey.

With **JOEL DOMMETT** hosting, they'll be appearing opposite the existing guessers **MAYA JAMA**, **JONATHAN ROSS**, **MO GILLIGAN** and **DAVINA McCALL**, who will be known as the Legends.

Stacey has been linked to The Masked Singer before, as millions of viewers were convinced she was Sausage in the 2021 series. It was in fact **JOSS STONE**, who went on to win the contest.

They'll have Stacey hosting I'm A Celebrity and Love Island next.

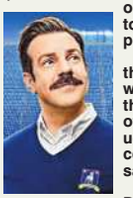
GUESS STAR . . . Stacey Solomon got Masked Singer gig

ALISON GIVES A TED TALK

FICTIONAL football series Ted Lasso features some very real TV personalities this season.

In a cameo during episode two of the Apple TV comedy, This Morning hosts ALISON HAMMOND and DERMOT O'LEARY poke fun at their own show's wacky segments.

Football manager Ted (JASON SUDEIKIS) switches on the telly to see the perky pair.



TELLY . . Jason

"Today on the show we'll meet the winners of the UK's ugliest home contest," says Alison.

Later, Dermot says with a straight face: "On today's show, do you ever wish your weekend could last forever? One man tried that using AI and now he's dead."

Season four, starring HANNAH WADDINGHAM and JUNO TEMPLE, broke Apple TV records this month when its opening episode drew 296.6 million viewing minutes across the US, making it the most-watched show in America. No doubt it's a hit over here as well.

US comedy Kevin Can F**k Himself is coming to ITVX.

ANNIE MURPHY, the Emmy award-winning actress and Schitt's Creek star, plays Allison, who is trying to get out of her unhappy marriage.

The show will be available to stream from September 13.

C5 SHOW IS A PITT SIMILAR

A GROUNDBREAKING new hospital series is coming to our screens – and it is being likened to a real-life version of streaming hit The Pitt.

Tapping into the high-stakes drama of the emergency department, bosses say Channel 5 show Life Support (a working title) will feel and look more like a telly drama.

HIT . . . Pitt

It'll have an edgy, hand-held camera feel just like the HBO Max series which is based in a Pittsburgh ER.

Following patients and staff at Royal Stoke University Hospital, makers of the five-part series believe it will be the first of its kind.

Channel 5's Guy Davies said: "We wanted to take what is most loved about dramas like The Pitt and pull that intensity into a factual space."

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FREEVIEW

BBC THREE freeview 23

7pm The Catch Up **7.05** Deadly 60 **8.00 FILM** Mission: Impossible. Action thriller starring Tom Cruise. (1996) **9.45** Guy Montgomery's Guy Mont Spelling Bee **11.20 FILM** Yesterday. Comedy starring Himesh Patel and Lily James. (2019) **1.05-2.20am** Ladhood

BBC FOUR freeview 9

7pm Villages By The Sea **7.30** Canal Boat Diaries **8.00** Simon Sebag Montefiore Remembers: Rome: A History Of The Eternal City **8.15** Rome: A History Of The Eternal City **9.15** Mary Beard's Ultimate Rome: Empire Without Limit **10.15** I, Claudius **12.00** The Australian Wars **12.55** Canal Boat Diaries **1.25-2.25am** Rome: A History Of The Eternal City

ITV2 freeview 6

6am Backyard Builds **6.30** Dress To Impress **7.30** The Real Housewives Of Potomac **8.20** The Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills **9.15** The Only Way Is Essex **10.15** Dawson's Creek **11.10** Charmed **12.10** Deal Or No Deal **1.10** Supermarket Sweep **2.10** The Floor **3.10** The Only Way Is Essex **4.10** The Real Housewives Of Potomac **5.00** The Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills **6.00** Celebrity Catchphrase **7.00** The Floor **8.00** The 1% Club **9.00** Family Guy **11.35** American Dad! **12.35** Bob's Burgers **1.30** G'wed **1.55-2.20am** Transaction

ITV3 freeview 10

6am George And Mildred **7.05** Classic Emmerdale **8.05** Classic Coronation Street **9.10** Poirot **11.30** Heartbeat **1.35** Midsomer Murders **3.35** Classic Emmerdale **4.40** Classic Coronation Street **5.50** Heartbeat **8.00** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Grantchester. Detective drama series. **11.50** Trial & Retribution **1.55-2.20am** George And Mildred

ITV4 freeview 26

6am Magnum, PI **8.05** Robin Of Sherwood **9.10** Boon **10.15** The Professionals **11.25** Robin Of Sherwood **12.30** Magnum, PI **2.35** The Casebook Of Sherlock Holmes **3.45** Boon **4.50** The Professionals **5.55** Minder **7.00** The Motorbike Show **8.00** Cycling: Women's Tour Of Britain Highlights **9.00 FILM** RoboCop 3. Sci-fi thriller sequel starring Robert Burke and Nancy Allen. (1993) **11.05** All Elite Wrestling: Collision **1.05-2am** Benidorm

E4 freeview 13

6am Hollyoaks **6.55** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **7.00** Couples Come Dine With Me **8.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **10.00** America's Funniest Home Videos **11.00** Below Deck: Mediterranean **12.00** The Simpsons **2.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **6.30** Hollyoaks **7.30** The Simpsons **8.00** The Great Celebrity Bake Off For Stand Up To Cancer **9.00** Gogglebox. Opinions on recent TV. **11.05** First Dates **12.10** Naked Attraction **1.15-2.15am** Gogglebox

MORE4 freeview 18

8.55am Find It, Fix It, Flog It **10.00** Four In A Bed **12.40** Come Dine With Me **3.20** Four In A Bed **5.50** Car S.O.S **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** The Roman Empire By Train With Alice Roberts **10.00** 24 Hours In A&E **12.10** 999: On The Front Line **1.15-2.20am** 24 Hours In A&E

SKY MIX freeview 11

7am Border Security: America's Front Line **8.00** Border Patrol **9.00** Nothing To Declare **11.00** Border Security: America's Front Line **12.00** Caught On Dashcam **1.00** Police 24/7 **2.00** Nothing To Declare **4.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **5.00** Stargate SG-1 **6.00** Stargate Universe **7.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation **8.00** Police 24/7 **9.00** FBI: Most Wanted **10.00** The Rookie **11.00** Grimm **12.00** Fantasy Island **1.00-2am** Police 24/7

GOOD TASTE . . . Grace Dent, Paddy McGuinness and Giorgio Locatelli

CELEBRITY MASTERCHEF
BBC One

WE'RE now on the 21st season of Celebrity MasterChef and it's hard to remember a time when the show *hasn't* been on telly.

Food critic Grace Dent who hosts and judges on the amateur show, with chef Anna Haugh, takes the reins of the celeb version too. This time her sidekick is Italian maestro Giorgio Locatelli. Paddy McGuinness will also make a guest appearance.

Vying to impress them are some household names.

There's comedian Joe Pasquale, who admits he will "probably cock it up". Those Love Islanders get everywhere and this time it's Shakira Khan in the apron.

As The Wanted's Jay McGuiness plates up I get a strong sense of deja vu – hasn't he already done the show? A quick Google search shows not but he seems to have done every other reality series.

Olympic weightlifter Emily Campbell and sports presenter Jason Mohammad round off heat one.

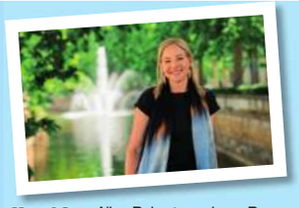
While Grace gleefully revels in the celebs' fear, Giorgio is more of a pussycat.

"One of my favourite sights – fresh meat," Grace chuckles when presented with the stars.

First up is the signature dish round and Joe's Frankenstein's Pie should come with a warning: "May contain human blood," thanks to all the cuts he inflicts on his fingers. "It's like a Sweeney Todd pie," Joe laughs.

Emily is less adventurous with her Jamaican/Mexican combo of jerk chicken tacos.

Shakira taps into her



More4 9pm Alice Roberts explores Rome itself in The Roman Empire by Train

U&DAVE freeview 19

7.20am Top Gear **8.10** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers **10.15** Rick Stein's Cornwall **11.20** Yukon Gold **12.20** Top Gear **2.20** Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing **3.00** Guy Martin: Proper Jobs **4.00** Hairy Bikers' Best Of British **5.00** Rick Stein's Cornwall **7.05** Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing **7.40** Would I Lie To You? **9.00** QI XL **10.00** Have I Got A Bit More News For You **11.00** Taskmaster **12.00** Mock The Week **12.40-2am** Would I Lie To You?

U&DRAMA freeview 20

7.15am The Bill **8.10** Doctors **9.20** Classic Holby City **10.40** Casualty **11.40** The Bill **12.40** Classic EastEnders **2.00** Classic Neighbours **3.00** Whitstable Pearl **4.05** Lovejoy **5.20** As Time Goes By **6.00** Last Of The Summer Wine **8.00** The Chelsea Detective **10.00** New Tricks **11.20** Luther **12.40** Lovejoy **1.50-2.50am** Sister Boniface Mysteries

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6am Fantasy Homes By The Sea **7.00** Teleshopping **8.00** Escape To The Country **9.00** Salvage Hunters: The Restorers **10.00** Salvage Hunters **12.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **1.00** Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Salvage Hunters **5.00** Who Do You Think You Are? **6.00** The Repair Shop **7.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **8.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** Long Lost Family **10.00** Who Do You Think You Are? **11pm-2am** Help! My House Is Haunted

U&YESTERDAY freeview 27

6.10am Abandoned Engineering **8.00** Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics **10.00** Secret Nazi Bases **11.00** The World At War **12.00** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** Secret Nazi Bases **5.00** The World At War **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** The Blue Planet **8.00** Michael Palin: Travels Of A Lifetime **9.00** Simon Reeve's South America **10.00** Bangers & Cash **12.00** Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics **1.00-2am** Find It, Fix It, Flog It

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6.15am Property Brothers: Forever Homes **7.00** Tipping Point **10.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **1.00** Tipping Point **4.00** Property Brothers: Forever Homes **5.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **7.00** MasterChef Australia **8.00** Pete Wicks: For Dogs' Sake **9.00** Signora Volpe. Freelancing for MI6, Sylvia poses as the PA for a diplomat's widow at her lakeside villa. **11.00** First Responders **12.00** Lies, Deceit And Betrayal **1.00-3am** Don't Hate Your House With The Property Brothers

QUEST freeview 17

6am Salvage Hunters: The Restorers **7.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** Aussie Gold Hunters **11.00** Outback Opal Hunters **1.00** The Repair Shop **2.00** Shed And Buried **3.00** Shed And Buried: Classic Cars **4.00** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **5.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **8.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **10.00** The Repair Shop **11.00** How Do They Do It? **1.00-2am** Salvage Hunters

THAT'S TV freeview 56

8am That's 60s: Best Music Live! **8.15** Rising Damp **8.45** Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em **9.20** Never The Twain **9.50** On The Buses **10.20** Bread **10.55** Steptoe And Son **11.30** Oh, Doctor Beeching! **12.05** Rising Damp **12.35** Man About The House **1.05** Goodnight Sweetheart **1.40** When The Boat Comes In **2.40** Minder **3.50** Just Good Friends **4.25** Man About The House **4.55** Bread **5.30** Birds Of A Feather **6.00** That's 60s: Best Music Live! **6.05** Rising Damp **6.40** Steptoe And Son **7.20** Whatever Happened To The Likely Lads? **7.55** Minder **9.00** Benidorm **9.55** Shameless **11.00** Man About The House **11.30** Mind Your Language **12.05** Benidorm **1.00-2.05am** Minder

SPORT

Sky Sports Main Event 10am England take on Pakistan in Test Cricket

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6am Sky Sports News **7.00** Sky Sports Breakfast **9.00** Good Morning Transfers **10.00** LIVE Test Cricket. England v Pakistan. Coverage of the opening day of the first Test in the three-match series, held at Headingley Cricket Ground in Leeds. **7.00** LIVE Tennis. The Cincinnati Open. Coverage of day seven of the joint ATP 1000 and WTA 1000 event. **12.00-4am** LIVE Tennis. The Cincinnati Open.

SKY SPORTS PREMIER LEAGUE

6am PL Greatest Games **7.00** Premier League Best Goals **8.00** PL 100 Club **9.00** Good Morning Transfers **10.00** Sky Sports FC **12.00** Transfer Talk **1.00** PL Years **3.00** PL Retro **5.00** The Premier League Show **7.00** The Transfer Show **8.00** Premier League Stories **8.30** PL 100 Club **9.00** Transfer 360 **10.00** Premier League Stories **10.30** PL 100 Club **11.00** PL Years **1.00-3am** PL Retro

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

6am EFL Cup Retro **8.00** SPFL: Old Firm Derby Best Goals **8.30** SPFL: Edinburgh Derby Best Goals **9.00** SPFL Greatest Games **9.30** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** Championship Season Review **11.00** SPFL Greatest Games **11.30** EFL Greatest Games **12.00** EFL League One Goals **12.30** EFL League Two Goals **1.00** EFL Highlights **3.30** EFL League One Goals **4.00** EFL League Two Goals **4.30** EFL Highlights **6.30** Bundesliga Preview **7.30** EFL Highlights **8.30** EFL League One Goals **9.00** EFL League Two Goals **9.30** Bundesliga Preview **10.30** EFL Highlights **12.00-2.30am** EFL

SKY SPORTS ACTION

6am Betfred Super League **12.00** NFL Highlights **1.00** Good Morning Football **3.00** NFL Highlights **4.00** Betfred Super League Highlights **5.00** NFL Highlights **6.00** NBC's Pro-Football Talk **8.00** NBA Basketball **10.00** NFL Highlights **10.15** NFL Bitesize Highlights **11.00** NFL Highlights **12.00** The Insiders **1.00** NFL Highlights **3.00-5.30am** LIVE WNBA. Golden State Valkyries v Minnesota Lynx. Start-time at 3.00. Coverage of the Western Conference match at Chase Center in San Francisco, California.

SKY SPORTS +

6am Sky Sports News **7.00** Sky Sports Breakfast **8.00** Betfred Super League **10.45** My Icon: Henni Goya **11.00** Sky Sports FC **12.00** Transfer Talk **1.00** Lunchtime **2.00** Sports Desk **3.30** LIVE Tennis. The Cincinnati Open. Coverage of day seven of the joint ATP 1000 and WTA 1000 event, a hard-court tournament at Lindner Family Tennis Center in Mason, Ohio. **12.00-4am** LIVE Tennis. The Cincinnati Open. Further coverage of day seven of the joint ATP 1000 and WTA 1000 event, a hard-court tournament at Lindner Family Tennis Center in Mason, Ohio.

SKY SPORTS CRICKET

6am Test Cricket **10.00** LIVE Test Cricket. England v Pakistan. Coverage of the opening day of the first Test in the three-match series, held at Headingley Cricket Ground in Leeds. **7.00** Best Of ICC WT20 **7.30** International T20 Cricket **8.00** Test Cricket **9.00** International T20 Cricket **9.30** Test Cricket Bitesize **9.45** Best Of ICC WT20 **10.00** Test Cricket **11.00** One-Day International Cricket **12.00** Test Cricket **1.00** International T20 Cricket **1.30-2am** Nepal Climbing Cricket's Mountain

SKY SPORTS GOLF

6am Ladies European Tour Golf **10.00** US Women's Open Golf **3.15** Roots **3.45** My Icon: Catriona Matthew **4.00** LPGA Tour Golf **6.00** PGA Tour Champions **7.00** PGA Tour: The Cut **7.30** HotelPlanner Tour Golf Highlights **8.00** Legends Tour Golf **9.00** PGA Tour Golf. The FedEx St Jude Championship. Highlights of day four of the first event in the FedExCup Playoffs. **10.00** PGA Tour Champions **11.00** Ladies European Tour Golf **12.00** PGA Tour: The Cut **12.30** HotelPlanner Tour Golf Highlights **1.00-2am** PGA Tour Golf

ENTERTAINMENT

Sky Witness 9pm Bode reconnects with a former classmate in Fire Country

SKY ONE

6am Mornings **7.00** Mornings With Ridge And Frost **8.00** Stargate SG-1 **10.00** Will & Grace **11.00** The Simpsons **12.00** Africa's Hunters **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** S.W.A.T **5.00** The Simpsons **6.00** Rob & Romesh Vs Fashion **7.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Surviving Earth. Revisiting major extinction events, beginning with the Permian-Triassic one. **9.00** Never Mind The Buzzcocks. Double bill. With Pixie Lott, Charlie Simpson and John Kearns. Then, with Beth Ditto, Megaman, Nick Grimshaw and Kimberly Wyatt. **10.30** The 'Burbs. Samira suspects that Rob is hiding something sinister. **11.25** Grimm **12.20** Evil **1.15-2.10am** The Force: Manchester

SKY ATLANTIC

6am Fish Town **8.00** Billions **10.15** House Of The Dragon **12.35** Homicide: Life On The Street **2.30** Billions **4.40** Django **6.45** House Of The Dragon **8.00** House Of The Dragon. Cole mounts a campaign in the Crownlands. **9.00** Task. An FBI agent heads up a task force to tackle a string of drug-house robberies in Philadelphia. Crime drama, starring Mark Ruffalo. **10.15** Station Eleven. Kirsten confronts the source of her deepest trauma. **11.15** Station Eleven. Kirsten arrives in Severn City to rescue the Travelling Symphony. **12.20-2.40am** House Of The Dragon

SKY WITNESS

6am Bondi Rescue **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** Send In The Dogs **9.00** The Force: Manchester **10.00** Motorway Patrol **10.30** Caught Red Handed **12.00** FBI **2.00** The Rookie **3.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent **4.00** Nothing To Declare **8.00** Caught On Dashcam. Road disasters captured on video by drivers' dashboard cameras. **9.00** Fire Country. Three Rock reopens with a new crew and high hopes. **10.00** FBI: International. The Fly Team investigate the kidnapping of a businessman's bodyguard and girlfriend. **11.00** The Rookie **12.00-2am** FBI

U&GOLD

7.05am Don't Wait Up **7.45** Ever Decreasing Circles **8.20** Only Fools And Horses **9.00** The Green Green Grass **9.40** Are You Being Served? **10.20** Last Of The Summer Wine **11.40** Ever Decreasing Circles **12.20** Only Fools And Horses **1.00** Keeping Up Appearances **1.40** Dad's Army **2.20** The Green Green Grass **3.00** Are You Being Served? **3.40** Ever Decreasing Circles **4.20** Dad's Army **5.00** Last Of The Summer Wine **6.20** Keeping Up Appearances **7.00** Only Fools And Horses. Uncle Albert has a nasty fall. **7.40** Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring organises a dance. **8.20** Are You Being Served? Mrs Slocombe takes charge. **9.00** Porridge. Godber enters the prison boxing championships. **9.40** The Office. Brent is headhunted. **10.20** Not Going Out. Lucy accidentally runs over a pet rabbit. **11.00** Mrs Brown's Boys **11.40** Porridge **12.20** The Office **1.00** Not Going Out **1.40-2.30am** Mrs Brown's Boys

COMEDY CENTRAL

8am The Upper Hand **9.05** Everybody Loves Raymond **11.00** Sabrina The Teenage Witch **1.00** Friends **9.00** Michael McIntyre's Big Show. Eric Cantona performs a track from his debut album. **10.00** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. With Jack Dee, David O'Doherty, Stacey Solomon and Alex James. **10.50** 8 Out Of 10 Cats: Best Bits. Extended highlights. **11.40** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA **12.40-2.10am** South Park

U&ALIBI

7.10am Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **10.00** The Mentalist **11.00** Hudson & Rex **12.00** Body Of Proof **1.00** Death In Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** The Mentalist. Crime drama. **5.00** Hudson & Rex **6.00** Body Of Proof **7.00** Private Eyes. Shade and Angie are hired to recover a dangerous new energy source. **8.00** Bookish. When an army captain drinks a poisoned cocktail, there are multiple suspects – including Trottie. **9.10** Death In Paradise. Marlon is attacked while going to help an old friend. **10.10** Father Brown. A would-be killer seems set to ruin Mrs Devine's big day. **11.10** Private Eyes **12.10** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **1.10-2.10am** Death In Paradise

SKY COMEDY

8am Will & Grace **9.00** Sort Of **10.00** The Comeback **11.20** Will & Grace **12.20** Based On A True Story **1.40** The Comeback **3.00** Will & Grace **4.00** The Reluctant Landlord **5.00** Community **6.00** Will & Grace **7.00** The US Office **8.00** The Reluctant Landlord **9.00** Last Week Tonight With John Oliver. A satirical look at developments from the past seven days. **9.45 FILM** Warm Bodies. Romantic comedy horror with Nicholas Hoult and Teresa Palmer. (2013) **11.40** Based On A True Story **12.15** The Office Movers **1.35-2.05am** Community

DISCOVERY

6am How It's Made **7.00** The Aquarium **9.00** Gold Rush **11.00** Building Off The Grid **1.00** Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet **3.00** How It's Made **5.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **7.00** Wheeler Dealers **10.00** Mighty Truckers. The challenges of being a truck driver. **11.00** Expedition X **12.00-2am** Deadliest Catch

RADIO

TalkRADIO 10am Julia Hartley Brewer covers all the top stories you need to know

VIRGIN RADIO *DAB virginradio.co.uk*

6.30am Chris Evans **10.00** Emma B **2.00** Ben Jones **6.00** Will MacDonald **10.00** Goldierocks **2.00-6.30am** Steve Denyer

TALKRADIO *DAB talkradio.co.uk*

6am Jeremy Kyle **10.00** Julia Hartley Brewer **1.00** Ian Collins **4.00** Kevin O'Sullivan **7.00** Peter Cardwell **10.00** Petrie Hosken **1.00** Paul Ross **5.00-6am** Through The Papers

TALKSPORT *1053, 1089MW talksport.com*

10am Jim White And Simon Jordan **1.00** Max Rushden & Charlie Baker **4.00** Drive **7.00** The Transfer Insiders **10.00** The Sports Bar **1.00** Paul Ross **5.00-6am** Early Sports Breakfast

Sun TV 4-PAGE SECTION TV GUIDE

Pakistani heritage and cooks a chicken curry.

Jason does the same with his lamb keema curry, while Jay whips up chilli tofu.

The celebs' tastebuds are put to the test in a condiments guessing game before they are asked to cook along with Giorgio as he knocks up some gnocchi. Both Shakira and Joe impress.

And so do Grace and Giorgio as a presenting team. Passionate yet kind, they strike a nice balance.

It may feel like it is missing a cheeky innuendo here or there, but we know what trouble that can get you into . . .

JANINE YAQOOB

SLEUTH . . Ben Miller in Professor T

PROFESSOR T, ITV1, 9pm: The gloves are back on for Jasper Tempest (Ben Miller) in this fourth series, as he remains shellshocked six months after DS Lisa Donckers' tragic death.

Plagued by flashbacks during his lectures, the criminology professor wants nothing to do with police work. Thankfully, a combination of his new stress reliever – drumming – and a personal plea from his therapist Helena helps him to mend.

Asked to investigate a missing person case involving a friend's daughter who vanished from a luxury yacht, Jasper is grateful for the distraction, especially with his irritating Aunt Zelda (Zoe Wanamaker) moving in out of the blue. It is a quality, quirky drama.

Sun TV picks

FAKE OR FORTUNE: WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?, BBC One, 8pm: In 1965, Alain Brun was gifted sketchbooks by his great-aunt, who found them in her garden shed in Saint-Émilion, France. Convinced the drawings were created by acclaimed French artist Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, Alain tried to get them authenticated, only to be told they were by someone else.

Eight years ago, he enlisted the help of Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould, but again to no avail. Now, compelling new evidence has emerged – does a life-changing fortune await after all? It is an intriguing case of art history perseverance.

OUTBACK MURDER HIGHWAY, Channel 4, 10pm: Australia's remote Flinders Highway stretches for 500 miles across the outback. Shockingly, since 1970, 11 people have either vanished or been murdered along this lonely corridor.

This haunting four-part true-crime series investigates some of these unsolved cases, beginning with student nurses Robin and Anita, who left Melbourne in 1972 to hitchhike across the country.

EXTRAORDINARY EXTENSIONS, Channel 4, 8pm: Cars don't necessarily scream home design inspiration, but a creative couple from Croydon are hoping to prove otherwise.

They initially started work on a mega-build centred around petrolhead Simon's passion and a grand garage.

However, the project has snowballed and they are now renovating almost every room.

Host Tinie Tempah warns that their escalating ambition could force them into taking out a second mortgage – or force Simon to sell off his beloved motor collection!

GEMMA QUADE

TNT SPORTS 1

6am Motocross World Championship **9.00** UEFA Champions League **10.00** The Fantasy Show **10.30** Cycling **10.45** LIVE Cycling: Lloyds Tour Of Britain-Stage 1. Coverage of stage one of the Lloyds Tour of Britain. **3.45** LIVE Cycling: Renewi Tour. Coverage of stage one of the Renewi Tour. **4.45** Serie A **5.45** Original Documentary **6.00** TNT Sports Reload **6.30** Premier League Preview **7.30** LIVE UEFA Champions League. Celtic v LASK. Kick-off at 8.00. **10.30** Premier League Stories **11.00** CPL Highlights **11.30pm-3.45am** LIVE CPL. Saint Lucia Kings v Guyana Amazon Warriors.

TNT SPORTS 2

1.30pm CPL Highlights **2.00** The Fantasy Show **2.30** LIVE Cycling: Renewi Tour. Coverage of stage one of the Renewi Tour. **4.45** Reframe the Game **5.00** Sign Up – Into Football **6.00** T100 Triathlon World Tour Highlights **6.30** FA Community Shield **7.55** LIVE UEFA Champions League. NEC Nijmegen v Bodo/Glimt. Kick-off at 8.00. **10.00** The Fantasy Show **10.30** Cycling **11.30** Cycling **12.30** Cycling **1.30-2.30am** UFC: The Ultimate Fighter

TNT SPORTS 3

6am UIM F1H2O World Championship Highlights **6.30** Serie A **12.30** MLB Highlights **1.30** Premier League Review **3.30** LIVE Cycling: Lidl Deutschland Tour-Prologue. The prologue of the Lidl Deutschland Tour. **5.30** Cycling **5.45** MLB Plays of the Week **6.15** MLB Highlights **7.15** LIVE MLB. Chicago Cubs v Chicago White Sox. Start-time at 7.20. **10.00** Discovery Golf **10.30** Test Cricket Highlights **11.30** Original Documentary **1.15-5.15am** UEFA Champions League

PREMIER SPORTS 1

6am Sporting Greats **7.00** Show Jumping **8.00** Swedish Speedway **10.00** Coppa Italia Show **10.30** NASCAR Highlights **11.30** LaLiga Highlights **12.30** Sporting Greats **1.00** Sporting Countdowns **1.30** Coppa Italia **3.30** Sporting Countdowns **4.00** Premier Sports Cup **5.55** Bike World **6.25** Scottish Football Social Club **7.25** LaLiga Highlights **7.55** LIVE LaLiga. Atlético Madrid v Malaga. Kick-off at 8.00. Coverage of the Spanish top-flight match. **10.00** LaLiga Highlights **10.30** KOTV Weekly **11.00** Coppa Italia Show **11.30** FIM Sidecarcross Championship **12.30-2.30am** LaLiga

TALKSPORT2 DAB talksport.com

8am On Track **9.00** EFL All Access **10.00** The Ebor Festival Preview Show **11.00** Fight Night Extra **12.00** Following On **1.00** Racing Live **3.00** The Social **5.00** Howzat For A Podcast! **6.00** Following On **7.00** Fight Night Extra **8.00** EFL All Access **9.00** Formula E Highlights **10.00** On Track **11.00** Howzat For A Podcast! **12.00-8am** My Sporting Life

TIMES RADIO DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

6am Rosie Wright And Stig Abell **10.00** Hugo Rifkind **1.00** The Times At One With Jo Coburn **2.00** Jane Garvey **4.00** Calum Macdonald **7.00** Darryl Morris **10.00** Olly Mann **1.00** The Best Of Times Radio **5.00-6am** Early Breakfast

RADIO 1 97.6-99.8FM bbc.co.uk/radio1

6.58am Newsbeat **7.00** Greg James **11.00** Rickie, Melvin And Charlie **12.45** Newsbeat **1.00** Matt And Jerry **3.30** Newsbeat **3.33** Going Home With Vick, Katie And Jamie On Radio 1 **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Jack Saunders **8.00** Maia Beth **10.00** Sian Eleri **11.00** Benji B **1.00** Dance Presents **2.00** Anthems **4.00** Pop Anthems **5.00-6.58am** Dean McCullough

RADIO 2 88-91FM bbc.co.uk/radio2

6.30am Sara Cox **9.30** Vernon Kay **12.00** Jeremy Vine **2.00** DJ Spoony **4.00** Jason Manford **7.00** Prom Nights On Radio 2 **9.00** The Folk Show With Mark Radcliffe **10.00** Melvin Odoom **12.00** OJ Borg **3.00** Dermot O'Leary (R) **4.00-6.30am** Owain Wyn Evans

MOVIES

Sky Cinema Premiere 5.45pm Hugh Jackman stars in Song Sung Blue

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

10.35am Tom And Jerry: Forbidden Compass (PG, 2025) ★ **12.20 Hamnet** (12, 2025) ★★★★ **2.35 Normal** (15, 2026) ★★★★ **4.10 Signal One** (15, 2026) ★★★ **5.45 Song Sung Blue** (12, 2025) ★★★★ **8.00 Hamnet** (12, 2025) ★★★★ **10.15pm-12.15am Mortal Kombat II** (15, 2026) ★★★

SKY CINEMA ANIMATION

9.25am Dr Seuss' The Lorax (U, 2012) ★★★★ **11.00 Playmobil: The Movie** (U, 2019) ★★★ **12.45 How To Train Your Dragon 2** (PG, 2014) ★★★★ **2.30 Wallace & Gromit In The Curse Of The Were-Rabbit** (U, 2005) ★★★★ **4.00 Flushed Away** (U, 2006) ★★★★ **5.30 Happy Feet** (U, 2006) ★★★★ **7.20 Happy Feet Two** (U, 2011) ★★★ **9.05 The Secret Life Of Pets** (U, 2016) ★★★★ **10.35pm-12.05am The Secret Life Of Pets 2** (U, 2019) ★★★★

SKY CINEMA ACTION

9.10am Transformers: Revenge Of The Fallen (12, 2009) ★★ **11.50 Transformers: Dark Of The Moon** (12, 2011) ★★★ **2.30 Transformers: Age Of Extinction** (12, 2014) ★★ **5.20 Transformers: The Last Knight** (12, 2017) ★★★ **8.00 Normal** (15, 2026) ★★★★ **9.35pm-12.15am Bad Boys II** (15, 2003) ★★★★

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11am Dora And The Lost City Of Gold (PG, 2019) ★★★ **1.05 Journey To The Center Of The Earth** (U, 1959) ★★★★ **3.45 American Gangster Special 3.55 Von Ryan's Express** (PG, 1965) ★★★ **6.15 American Gangster Special 6.25 Moonfall** (12, 2022) ★★★ **9.00 Fury** (15, 2014) ★★★★ **11.40pm-2.50am The Beast** (15, 2023) ★★★

TALKING PICTURES freeview 82

11.20am The Interrupted Journey (PG, 1949) ★★★ **1.00 The Buccaneers 1.35 Ring Of Spies** (PG, 1964) ★★★ **3.20 Look At Life 3.35 I Couldn't Have Believed It! 3.45 Dial 999 4.20 The End Of The Affair** (PG, 1955) ★★★★ **6.30 Give Us A Clue 7.00 Out Of Town 7.35 Genevieve** (U, 1953) ★★★★ **9.20 The Story Of Esther Costello** (PG, 1957) ★★★ **11.25 Open Fire** (12, 1994) ★★★★ **1.35-3.40am The Resurrection Of Zachary Wheeler** (PG, 1971) ★★

GREAT! MYSTERY freeview 50

2pm Castle 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 5.00 Murder, She Wrote 7.00 Castle 8.00 Unforgettable 9.00 In Plain Sight 10.00 Morning Show Mysteries: Countdown To Murder (PG, 2019) ★★★ **11.55pm-1.50am Aurora Teagarden Mysteries: Til Death Do Us Part** (PG, 2021) ★★

GREAT! ACTION freeview 42

12.50pm The Unit 1.50 Burn Notice 3.50 Battle For The Skies (15, 2013) ★★★ **6.00 The Unit 7.00 Burn Notice 9.00 Pistol Whipped** Action thriller starring Steven Seagal. (15, 2008) ★★ **11.15 The Avengers 12.15-1.15am The New Avengers**

dear deidre

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Wife's revenge fling haunts me

Dear Deidre

MY wife had sex with another guy and, even though I'm beyond furious with them both, I know she was getting revenge for a mistake I made.

She is 37 and I'm 39. We've got two little girls aged five and three.

I love them to bits, but we hadn't planned to have a family so soon.

We were newly married when my wife told me she was pregnant with our first child.

I felt trapped and realised everything was quickly going to change.

On a night out with some mates, I hooked up with a woman in a club and went back to her place for sex.

It wasn't my finest hour. She meant nothing to me.

Our first daughter was born and I vowed to change – but somebody had seen me in the club months earlier and told my wife.

She was so hurt. I felt terrible, but we tried to get things back on track and actually planned our second baby. Recently, though, my wife started being secretive with her phone and going out with friends.

When she left her mobile behind while rushing to get the girls to their swimming lessons, I had a snoop.

There was a photo of her breasts, sent to a guy I didn't know. I confronted her and she admitted she'd sent the picture, but insisted it was just flirting. I didn't believe her. We didn't speak the next day and she finally admitted she'd slept with this guy. She said she was getting her own back and wanted to hurt me.

I keep envisioning her with this other bloke. It's driving me mad. I love her, though.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: You had no reason to cheat. You were married.

It takes two to tango and an unplanned pregnancy was down to you as much as your wife.

Obviously your wife was wrong to be unfaithful, too. Now that you're "even", are you ready to rebuild your relationship from scratch?

It's easy to take one another for granted. Talk about ways you can both make one another feel loved.

You're a couple as well as Mum and Dad, so plan date nights and send the kids to friends or grandparents so you've time to put romance back in your lives.

My support pack, called Cheating – Can You Get Over It?, will help you to rebuild something new together.

This unknown guy doesn't deserve space in your head, so dismiss these unhappy thoughts and focus instead on a happy memory of a special moment you and your wife shared.

dear deidre

Scan this QR code to talk to trained counsellors, Mon-Thurs, 1pm-4pm. We're humans, not chatbots.

LIVE Chat

PORN-LOVING HUBBY HAS THREATENED TO LEAVE ME

Dear Deidre

MY husband says he's leaving me because I'm an unhappy person – but it's him who makes me miserable.

He'd rather sit at home every night, watching porn on his phone than be intimate with me. Things were fine until he got prostate cancer ten years ago and then he had some sexual difficulties.

Now pornography has taken over because he says it's easier to get aroused than with me. He's 67 and I'm 64. I don't want to live without him, but I don't think I can stand to see him playing golf every day with his cronies, telling them retirement is great, then coming home, ignoring me and staring at his screen.

Is this how I have to spend the rest of my life – putting up with his horrid remarks while he gets sexual kicks online, or face him leaving me with my cat for company?

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Treating you this way and blatantly turning to pornography in front of you is abusive.

If he stepped up and focused more on your relationship, would you really be happier or are you just afraid of being alone? Finding impartial help will bring some clarity over your future.

Contact Tavistock Relationships (tavistockrelationships.org, 020 7380 1975) which provides counselling.

Surround yourself with good friends who can support you, whatever the outcome.

My support pack Is Pornography Ruining Your Life? may help your husband to think again about his behaviour.

I LONG TO OPENLY DRESS AS A WOMAN

Dear Deidre

I FINALLY found the courage to dress up as a woman and walk into the seedy end of town where there are a few sex shops.

I'm a single man of 52 and I work for an accountancy firm.

At home, though, I'm very different. I've enjoyed wearing women's clothing since I started stealing Mum's tights when I was 12. She didn't complain that they'd gone missing and I think she knew.

I've never had a relationship but I'm not gay. I just long to be a woman.

Now, I have a wardrobe full of fetish gear, knickers, bras and short skirts. I've only walked down my garden dressed like this before.

Sometimes, I dress up and smoke on the back step. I don't smoke in my normal life.

I took the plunge recently and went to where there are sex workers around and walked up and down the street. Nobody said a thing to me. I'm longing to do it again.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Well done for being confident enough to dress as you please. You're not harming anyone.

My concern is that you may be venturing into a dangerous part of your town, where you might not be safe if you stand out as somebody different.

You'd be better to go somewhere that people have a better understanding of you because they feel the same.

Look at transnights.co.uk for events near where you live and where you'll be welcomed.

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FREYA'S PAST WORRIES: **DAY 3**

Clothes by Boohoo and BoohooMAN

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hot topic

PAIN during sexual intercourse can affect much more than your physical comfort.

It can knock your confidence, make the thought of intimacy stressful and leave you feeling misunderstood and isolated from your partner.

The good news is that painful sex often has an underlying cause that can be treated or managed.

If you're struggling in the bedroom, my support pack, Sex Too Painful?, can help you through this.

Dear Deidre

NONE of my family came to my 18th birthday lunch because Mum is the black sheep.

My nan has always preferred my mum's two brothers over her. Mum said it's not my fault; Nan has always had her favourites.

When Mum was a teenager, if she was late home Nan would lock her out. When I was born, Nan took no interest in me. My cousin is a girl like me and we'd go to gymnastics together, but she'd always beat me in competitions.

When I was younger Nan would say to me, "Look at this trophy your cousin has won". She passed her driving test before me and got better GCSE grades.

WE'RE SHUNNED BY OUR FAMILY

My uncle would take her on fantastic holidays too, and that was something I longed for.

I invited all the family to a pub for my birthday but they told me my cousin was in a dance competition so they couldn't make it.

Mum was lovely about it and took me shopping instead, but that evening I went to bed and cried.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: My guess is that your nan plays out how she felt in her family. Men may have held that top position and she therefore treated your mum the same way. But your mum has broken the mould – she's the one person who is there for you.

Life isn't about achievements. It's about your friendships, relationships and being kind. A few trophies doesn't mean your cousin is better than you, or any happier.

Think of this family prejudice as their poor judgement. Celebrate your achievements or special events with friends and people who matter to you.

Themix.org.uk (0808 808 4994) offers free counselling for young people. My support pack called Raising Self-Esteem will show you how to boost your confidence.

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Fab DAILY

Mum Rachel Mackay 29, from Wigan, fell for a South African singer in Turkey and married him. But the father of her baby is barred from this country, so she has to raise their daughter alone . . .

SEPARATED . . . Rachel with their daughter Emersyn and, *left*, with husband Emkay

I WED HOLIDAY SINGER AND HAD HIS BABY... BUT HE'S BANNED FROM UK

'SINGLE MUM' . . . Rachel takes selfie with Emersyn

Main picture by CLAIRE WOOD

SETTLING her eight-month old daughter down at the end of a tiring day, Rachel Mackay still has a list of chores to tick off before she can fall into bed.

By RIA NEWMAN

There are plates to wash, packed lunches to sort for her older children, and yet another visa application to work on.

Because while she does the parenting legwork alone, nail technician Rachel isn't a single parent.

Her South African-born husband Kieyaamudien – known as Emkay – dad to daughter Emersyn, is 1,000 miles away after being refused entry to the UK.

The couple feel this is unfair but their whirlwind relationship has raised a few eyebrows. Rachel, 29, fell for hotel singer Emkay, 34, in 2024 while on holiday in Turkey.

Six months later, in February 2025 Rachel was pregnant. Five months ago, the couple married in South Africa. Despite their insistence they should be allowed to be a "proper" family in the UK, Emkay is yet to set foot here.

Three visitor visa applications have been blocked as well as one fiancé visa previously, with the Home Office citing worries that he doesn't have "an incentive" to return to his home country and doesn't meet financial thresholds.

Rachel says: "It's heartbreaking. I don't feel we should have to leave the UK. This is my home country. I've worked since I was 16 and paid taxes here for years.

"I should be able to live here with my husband and raise our family together. Instead, we've been forced to live in separate countries while trying to raise our daughter together on FaceTime."

The overall refusal rate here for initial family or spouse visas varies between 15 and 25 per cent.

After Rachel shared her story on TikTok, she was inundated with comments from those who are unsympathetic about their plight.

She says: "People have accused my husband of only wanting a visa, told me to leave the UK instead, or said he shouldn't be allowed to live here. I completely understand that people believe immigration rules should exist.

"My issue isn't with having rules, it's that our circumstances mean our daughter is growing up without her dad. We've applied through the proper system, paid thousands in fees, and accepted every decision. People are entitled to their opinions, but the comments about him using me for a visa are hurtful because they don't reflect our reality.

"People online say he only wants a visa. One person said they were in the same boat and when he came over, she found out he was leading a double life.

"People say I've done this to myself and my child. When they talk about my child, deep down I think 'Oh my God, don't bring her into it'.

"At the beginning of the relationship I fell out with a family member who was trying to look out for me but did it in the wrong way. They were telling me to be careful, said I didn't know him, his background and that he just wanted a British passport.

"It was a sore subject but we've resolved everything now."

The harsh backlash reflects growing public frustration over the sheer scale of migration and its pressure on Britain's struggling infrastructure.

Data highlighted by Migration Watch UK indicates that over

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Fab DAILY

Edited by **SARAH BARNS** and **JOEL COOPER**

'WE HAVE A BRITISH DAUGHTER AND WE HAVE A RIGHT TO FAMILY LIFE'

BIG DAY . . . Rachel and Emkay wed in South Africa earlier this year

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2,000 foreign-born migrants register for a GP with the NHS every day, adding operational demand to local surgeries and primary care waiting times.

Rachel says: "It's annoying that there are people like me doing it legally, spending thousands, getting nowhere, and the money has probably gone towards those people.

"The last visa was over £6,000 and we've done three visit visas for £500 a time.

"I had to take out a loan and now I'm trying to save up for another one.

"He's continued working, and we've invested a huge amount of time, money and emotion trying to build a life together legally.

"If this was about getting a visa, there would have been much easier routes than everything we've been through. We love each other."

It is in her daughter's best interests to have her dad living with them, says Rachel.

'We knew we wanted a future together'

"Emkay missed so many firsts – Emersyn's first laugh, first foods, first crawl. No parent should have to experience their child's early years through a phone screen.

"My little girl needs her dad. Every milestone is bittersweet, because although I'm incredibly proud, there's always a part of me wishing her dad was here.

"Relocating isn't a realistic option. "I have two older children *(aged 11 and six)* who have a relationship with their dad in the UK, and I would never take them away from him. Their lives, school, family and support network are all here.

"One of the visitor visa applications was so my husband could be in the UK for the birth of Emersyn, but it was refused because the Home Office wasn't satisfied he would return to his home country at the end of his visit.

"As a result, he had to watch her come into the world over FaceTime, which was heartbreaking for us both. The other two visitor applications were refused for the same reason.

"The fiancé visa application was refused solely because I didn't meet the minimum financial requirement needed to sponsor his application."

"The minimum financial requirement is £29,000 a year. I'm a solo parent working as many hours as I can as a self-employed nail tech. I earn around £21,000 a year.

"It's incredibly difficult to work enough hours to reach the income threshold."

The tough rules are designed to protect taxpayers, with think-tanks warning low-earning migrants create a net drain on public services, housing and the NHS. Ministers insist the £29,000 income requirement is necessary to ensure families moving to the UK can support themselves.

The application rejection letters cite Emkay's financial circumstances as a key factor, with his seasonal employment earning around £1,500 a month, raising concerns that he wouldn't be motivated to leave the UK.

But Rachel insists they are just like any other couple.

"We stayed in touch after I came home from holiday and our relationship grew," she says. "We knew we wanted a future together.

"We didn't plan to have a baby so soon. When we found out I was pregnant we were shocked but incredibly happy. From that moment on, our focus was on building our family together."

But the pair did not expect the battle it would take.

In April, Emkay moved to Spain for seasonal work to be nearer to Rachel and Emersyn, who visit as often as they can, but trips are currently on hold while they try to save up for another spouse visa application, with the support of a specialist immigration solicitor. So far, Rachel estimates they have spent upwards of £7,000 in visa fees, legal advice, and travel and supporting documents.

She says: "We simply can't keep paying thousands of pounds. To lose that amount of money after the application was refused was devastating.

"Even though we're married and have a British daughter, we still don't meet the criteria for him to be granted a spouse visa.

"We wouldn't change a thing or wish our daughter wasn't here, we just never imagined we'd be raising her across two countries."

Rachel adds: "We're hoping that our circumstances, including our right to family life and that we have a British daughter, will be properly taken into account.

"I'm doing everything I can. This is our home, and all we want is the opportunity to live together as an ordinary family."

The Home Office said it does not comment on individual cases.

DADDY'S GIRL . . . Emkay with Emersyn

It's house before holiday as folk sacrifice the hot spots and spend on a glow-up for their living space instead. **YASMIN HARISHA** finds there's still room for a touch of the exotic though

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MEETING with Carol Strong and her dog Molly, at her local park, seemed very fitting. Only six months ago, she was suffering from painful joints and would have struggled doing the short 10-minute walk from her house, and a longer walk would have been impossible.

I was surprised to see how youthful and agile she looked for 78. From our initial telephone conversations and hearing about her condition I was expecting someone with less vitality. Yet today, here she was fit active and mobile

After our introductions we set off on a walk. I asked Carol about her mobility issues and what brought about the amazing turnaround for her.

"I have always been fairly active, but in my 50's I started to suffer from painful knees, especially if I had walked far or if I wore shoes with a heel. I brushed this off, everyone has a little wear and tear, it's part of ageing. But over time the pain got worse, making getting downstairs painful, it was something I just put up with.

I started avoiding stairs whenever I could

But, then my knees became more painful and I also started to get stiffness in my hips, which were especially painful in the mornings, even just standing up became a challenge. I had to grip the bannister with both hands going downstairs for fear of having a fall.

One day I stayed downstairs all day, even though I'd left my mobile in my bedroom, because my knees hurt too much.

The pain would wake me up at night, it was awful. I couldn't carry on living like this. So I finally made an appointment to see my GP.

I was diagnosed with osteoarthritis in both knees and in my left hip.

My GP advised that nothing could be done, but to take painkillers when I was in a lot of pain. That was not what I wanted to hear, I wanted a cure or something to make it better.

I was worried about coping

Some days I ended up in tears. I couldn't go out, I couldn't stay on top of the housework and it really got me down. I was so worried about how I was going to cope.

I knew I had to take control and find some way of getting relief. I tried all kinds of treatments, physiotherapy, reiki, acupuncture, creams but never found anything that helped enough.

I really didn't want to rely on strong painkillers, and was worried about the long-term side-effects. That's when I read about the benefits of Collagen. I knew this was something I had to try.

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I SEE Rodri has finally left Manchester City for Barcelona for around £65million.

The money will benefit City after they signed Elliot Anderson from Nottingham Forest for £116million, a record for a British player.

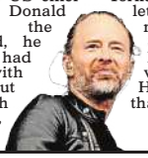
Rodri, *pictured*, leaves City on a high after winning four premier league titles.

IAN OWEN
Wallington, Surrey

HOW ironic that the water companies have launched a "save water" campaign aimed at consumers when, by their own incompetence, we are losing three billion litres, or about 20 per cent, of all treated water daily due to unfixed leaks in their systems.

JOHN CUTHBERT
Prudhoe, Northumberland

WHEN asked about Andy Burnham exchanging messages with a hoaxer pretending to be US chief of staff Susie Wiles, Donald Trump ignored the trickery. Instead, he claimed he had spoken with Burnham about opening North Sea oil wells, which would make the UK rich. What has that got to do with it? Trump hears one thing and goes off on a tangent. Weird bloke.



KELVIN GLEN
Corringham, Essex

HOW hypocritical of the two hundred musicians, including Romy, Brian Eno and Thom Yorke, *pictured*, who signed a letter calling on the PM to reject plans for more North Sea drilling. These stars have flown around the world to tour many times. How much pollution has that caused?

GRAHAM COX
Sevenoaks, Kent

Welfare cut is vote killer

£50 LETTER

NO party will tackle the welfare bill as they worry lots of voters will not back them if they try to change it.

Reform has declared in its plans set out on Monday that it would make some claimants complete 20 hours a week of community-based work such as cleaning our streets.

I'm sure people would still find a get-out clause.

BRIAN LEA
Nottingham

IT was noticeable that Reform UK waited until after they won the Clacton by-election to announce their plans for the welfare system.

I imagine there are quite a few PIP claimants in the Clacton and Boston and Skegness constituencies where Mr Farage and Mr Tice are MPs.

DAVID ROSE
Linton, Cambs

A WARNING to Farage, Tice and the rest of the original Reform gang: After watching the party's press conference on Monday, I am sure the arrogant Robert Jenrick is intent on being top dog.

Kemi Badenoch flushed the power-hungry Jenrick out of the Tories and he stormed off to Reform intent on revenge.

Farage will come to rue letting ambitious Jenrick in.

SIMON LEWIS
Market Weighton, East Yorks

REFORM publishes a document on how they will govern the UK when they win the next general election and already there is scaremongering from certain corners over the party's welfare plans. We need honest MPs for the people, not self-indulgent ones who are trying to save their jobs. No wonder the country is in a dire mess.

PARTY PLAN . . . Reform UK's deputy leader Richard Tice at Monday's press conference

WILLIAM FOOTES
Birmingham

IT has been mentioned that Reform's proposal to cut benefits for foreign nationals would mean British expats losing their equivalent right to claim benefits in their host European country.

Anyone who has worked in a benefit office will tell you that most expats come home to claim anyway, so it's usually one-way traffic.

VERONICA THOMSON
Stourport-on-Severn, Worcs

SO killer Vickrum Digwa is living in fear now he has been moved on to a wing at HMP Frankland, Durham. I hope it makes him think about the fear that poor Henry Nowak must have felt when he launched his unprovoked attack on him.

SUZZANNE LAMBERT
Sandhutton, North Yorks

WHAT on earth is going on in this country?

Someone can commit unspeakable crimes and can still be allowed to have a video chat with a family member – even one who, in Vickrum Digwa's case, aided and abetted his unspeakable crime.

Prison is no longer a deterrent – it's more like a vacation.

PHIL INMAN
Birmingham

SO PM Burnham suggests that the poorer areas in society should not be the only ones to suffer the consequences of immigration.

He wants the middle class to shoulder their fair share of migrants as well.

All that really means is that the numbers are too high and they are a problem.

Why not just protect our borders, Mr Burnham?

BARRIE FROST
Tonbridge, Kent

OVER a month in office and with much fanfare by the Labour Party, their messiah Andy Burnham has shown the country what a clueless leader he is.

No proper leadership on the small boats and just gimmicks to stimulate a failing economy.

Now his latest brainwave is simply removing time-restricted bus travel for people with disabled passes.

ROBERT MARSHALL
Sheffield

BRITAIN and Europe are all suffering extreme heat and droughts from climate change due to the actions of other countries.

So why are the real culprits (China, the US and India) not being shamed while we in the UK are seemingly being blamed for all the world's ills?

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ARIES March 21 – April 20

You never have a problem getting things started. An urge to freshen up your home is worth following and it's amazing what a lick of paint can do. Time spent with someone on your wavelength reminds you of what really matters. Make room for a midweek romance and show someone how irresistible they are.

TAURUS April 21 – May 21

Don't let a misunderstanding gather dust. One honest conversation will clear the air. Say what you mean, then let it go. Looking after yourself puts a spring back in your step, whether that's a run, a walk or something else entirely. The people around you appreciate it, too. Trust the signs you can't explain.

GEMINI May 22 – June 21

Your diary is chockablock right now and it's what you live for but don't let healthy habits slide. Pick one today and make it non-negotiable. A pay rise is long overdue at work but if you don't ask, you won't get, so do it today. Attached? A candlelit dinner is on the cards. Single? All you need to do is leave the house.

CANCER June 22 – July 22

Your loyalty is admirable but don't let it come at your own expense. Feeling undervalued at work? Speak up. If they can't match what you're worth, look elsewhere. You never regret spending money on your home, but it adds up. You'll know which investments are worth every penny. There's luck in a raffle ticket.

LEO July 23 – August 23

Life in the spotlight has its perks, but even you can find it tiresome. You don't have to be everything to everyone. Time to yourself works wonders, and home is where you need to be today. The world can wait until tomorrow and you'll still be as in demand. A hint about a future opportunity comes in a text from a friend.

VIRGO August 24 – September 22

Don't jump to conclusions. A thoughtful question reveals more than a clever answer. A habit you've outgrown is asking for your attention, so don't put it off until tomorrow. Say yes to after-work drinks. One meeting could change everything. The best ideas arrive while you're asleep so keep a notebook by the bed.

LIBRA September 23 – October 23

Something you read sparks a brilliant idea. Run with it. Your charm is hard to resist, making it easy to win people over. Everything seems to be falling into place for you, but someone close feels lost. Your belief in them is what they need. A chance introduction feels anything but. It's like you've known each other for years.

SCORPIO October 24 – November 22

With the Moon in your sign, emotions are close to the surface. Let your partner into your inner world. A little mystery is one thing, but if they're the one, they'll swim in the deep end with you. A clear out at home creates space for the new. Someone's change of heart has you booking a trip sooner than expected.

SAGITTARIUS November 23 – December 21

A misunderstanding with a romantic partner gets cleared up once and for all. It may not be the outcome you wanted, but at least you know where you stand. There's no point looking back. Your friends remind you just how much fun life can be, and laughter proves to be the best medicine. A song tells the truth today.

CAPRICORN December 22 – January 20

You're happiest with a goal to chase, but home has been feeling a little neglected. It's demanding more of your time now. Letting someone else take the reins for once benefits you both. Time with friends is the reset you need. An unavoidable change to your routine turns out to be a happy coincidence.

AQUARIUS January 21 –February 18

The answer comes when you stop looking for it. Something you do purely for fun sparks a lightbulb moment, helping you solve a problem at work that's felt like swimming upstream. Praise from someone you deeply respect means more than you let on. Single or attached? Let love be playful. Don't overthink what's easy.

PISCES February 19 – March 20

An honest talk with someone who knows you well encourages you to pursue an ambition. It may be time to raise your standards in love. Don't mistake chemistry for compatibility. Return to the people and places that remind you who you are. Breathe new life into a cherished garment by mending it not replacing it.

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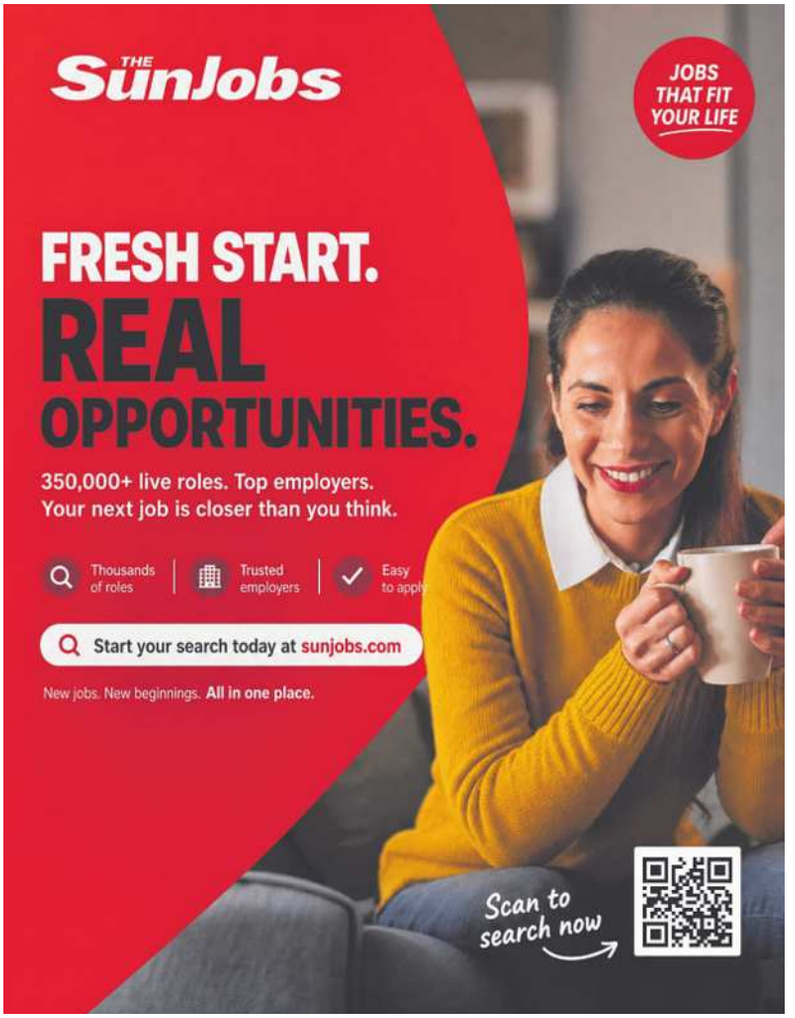

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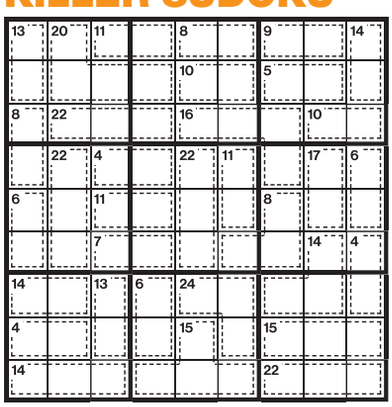

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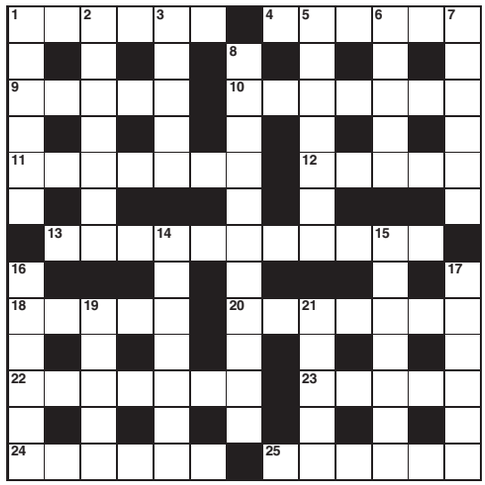
9 Charlie soon is member of the clergy (5)
10 Taxing euros on ground (7)
11 Fish studies in Kew? (7)
12 Proprietor's sedative initially missing (5)
13 One keeps being sent tea by popular landlord (5,6)
18 Swimmer runs wearing big smile (5)
20 Proselyting, I declined to go back, showing stateliness (7)
22 Granted criminal police search (7)
23 Smell from inamorata returned (5)
24 Austere, hiding gold ring from two speakers (6)
25 Stick together in company in this place (6)

DOWN

1 Historical payment starts to seem overly cruel, and getting expensive (6)
2 Perhaps king working to stop demonstration (7)
3 Weird to throw out stone in chain of mountains (5)
5 Butcher loves Thailand, but missing something to smoke (7)
6 Embellish fuss over Royal Navy (5)
7 Make certain, and see run developing (6)
8 Unite, as Conservative figure worried (11)
14 Very good prim men select hosts (7)
15 Explosively poised introduction of EastEnders instalment (7)
16 Remains when welcoming US president, briefly (6)
17 Spin yarn, initially within framework (6)
19 Make euphoric European overdue (5)
21 Content of iguanodon droppings (5)



Coffee Time

ACROSS

1 Gloomy (6)
4 Play the fiddle badly (6)
9 List of authentic works by an author (5)
10 Laborious (7)
11 Areas of land for cultivating plants (7)
12 Possessor (5)
13 Communication continually forwarded (5,6)
18 Eurasian freshwater fish (5)
20 Grandeur (7)
22 It's used to search river beds (7)
23 Fragrance (5)
24 Music player with two speakers (6)
25 Be consistent (6)

DOWN

1 Freehold tenure of land (6)
2 Sole hereditary head of state (7)
3 Scope (5)
5 Cigar with both ends cut flat (7)
6 Decorate (5)
7 Guarantee (6)
8 Strengthen (11)
14 Enormous (7)
15 Period (7)
16 Tolerates (6)
17 Whirl (6)
19 Fill with high spirits (5)
21 Faeces of sea birds, used as fertiliser (5)

Solutions tomorrow
Get solutions today: Call **0905 757 0150** for Across and **0905 757 0151** for Down before midnight.
Calls cost £1 a minute plus network charge.

Buy the latest Sun Puzzle Books, including crosswords, wordsearches & sudoku, for as little as £4.99 at harpercollins.co.uk or call 0141 306 3100

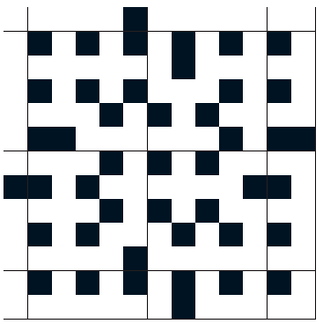
WORDSEARCH

Find seven words associated with eyes. Words can run forwards, backwards or diagonally.

P	O	H	S	A	L	T
U	F	L	E	N	S	R
P	C	O	H	B	E	K
I	S	F	C	T	K	N
L	E	I	I	U	A	I
E	R	N	R	O	S	L
T	A	A	E	I	R	B

KRISS KROSS

Fit the words into the grid. Solution below right.



3 letters
Ivy
Lac
Opt
Ten

4 letters
Anti
Blue
Chum
Cosy
Kink
Lens
Mood
Nett
Omen
Polo
Talc
Test

5 letters
Carob
Cheek
Cycle
Enter
Mocha
Nurse
Rural
Shame

6 letters
Induce
Prince
Vacuum
Zinnia

7 letters
Alyssum
Ascetic
Circuit
Cockpit
Coterie
Hamster
Slouchy
Tsarina

THE NAME GAME

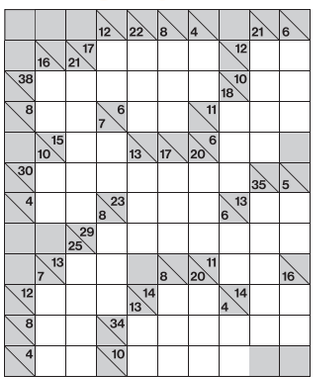
EACH clue leads to a well-known name. Put the initials or stated letters in the appropriate squares to identify an executive:

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8

3 & 7	Aston Villa defender who played centre back and right back for England in the 2026 World Cup
2	She topped the charts in 2026 with the song Where Is My Husband!
4 & 8	Mr Washington, the first president of America (first two letters of name)
5 & 1	Ex-Neighbours actress who had a hit with Born To Try
6	Nickname of Mr John Gillespie, jazz trumpet virtuoso (last letter of name)

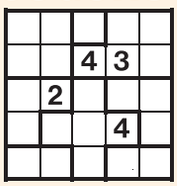
Yesterday: Singer/songwriter TOM WAITS (Andi Oliver, Shane Warne, Monica (Bellucci), Trevor (Immelman), Trisha (Goddard)). Another Name Game in The Sun tomorrow.
Can't wait until tomorrow for the answers? Call **0901 293 6298**
Calls cost £1 plus your network access charge.

KAKURO



Fill the grid so that each block adds up to the total in the box above or to the left of it. You can only use the digits 1-9 and you must not use the same digit twice in a block. The same digit may occur more than once in a row or column. Solution below right.

SUGURU®



Each cell in an outlined block must contain a digit: a two-cell block contains the digits 1 and 2, a three-cell block contains the digits 1, 2 and 3, and so on. The same digit must not appear in neighbouring cells, not even diagonally. Solution below right.

SUNDIAL

Brilliant: 32. Excellent: 27. Good: 20. Great kids' score: 15.

SEE how many words of four or more letters you can "dial" using the one at the centre in each word. You can make at least one word using all of them. Don't use the letters more than once in any word. No proper names or plurals ending in 's'. Words from Collins Concise Dictionary. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY: Equip, inept, input, leptin, lupin, lupine, pelt, pent, pile, pine, pint, pique, piquet, plie, punt, quip, tulip, uplit, QUINTUPLE.

30-SECOND NUMBERCRUNCH

Starting at the left with the number provided, work your way across the three lines one at a time, applying all the mathematical instructions to your running total. Don't use a calculator – that would be cheating! Write your answer at the end. Aim to complete each round in about 30 seconds. Good luck! Answers on the right.

EASY **32**	+259	÷3	-39	Half of it	-19	×7	-14	÷8	×11	ANSWER
MEDIUM **140**	÷10	+56	÷7	Double it	+202	Third of it	+442	÷12	-39	ANSWER
HARDER **226**	-107	5/7 of it	+2191	50% of it	+2960	Third of it	-167	÷11	+4821	ANSWER

Check today's answers by calling **0905 757 0155** before midnight.
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favourite brain-teasers! from Tuesday to Friday

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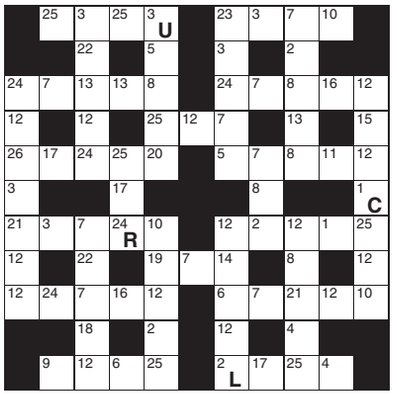
WORD WORKOUT



A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1 C	2 L	3 U	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24 R	25	26

The world's best brain-teaser – The Sun's clueless crossword. Each grid number in our Word Workout game represents a letter. So if you think 4 is the letter E, write E in all the squares with a 4. The whole alphabet is used and we have supplied some letters to start you off. Answers tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: Buck, Sleaze, Chemist, Out, Unforeseen, Quadruplet, Ice, Jackdaw, Entire, Idly.
DOWN: Back, Clean, Lit, Alone, Extent, Vigour, Expect, Squire, Agent, Ended, Away, Jar.

For four extra WORD WORKOUT clues
CALL 0901 293 6299 **TEXT** SUNWORD to 64343
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For clues from the last 7 days **CALL** 0905 624 0010. Cost £1 per min plus network charge

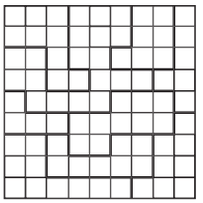
MISSING LINK

Fit ten words into the grid so each connects with the words on either side, eg wishing – well – done. The letters in the shaded squares spell out a flag (5,5). Solution below.

SKI		LEADS
RUN		GEAR
WALK		STORY
OTHER		BOARD
SPARE		GAUGE
FACIAL		RESTORER
APART		SCRATCH
DIAMOND		FENCE
SET		TRANSLATION
WITHOUT		GROUP

STARS

Put two stars in each row, column and region. Star cells can't touch, even diagonally. Solution below.



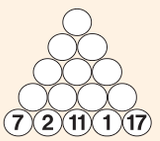
X FACTOR

Normal sudoku rules... but the two main diagonals must also contain the numbers 1-9. Solution below.

	3					1		8
1			3			4	2	
			4		1		3	
		9		5				
		3						4
		5		4				
			8		2		1	
6			1			9	8	
	8					2		3

ADD UP

If the number in each circle is the sum of the two below it, what is the top number? Solution below.

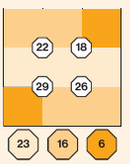


BRAINBUSTER

The following long-winded sentence can be read as what well-known saying?

That which departs from one's own hand has a remarkable habit of eventually finding its way back to its point of origin.

SAKURO



Enter the numbers 1 to 9 in the spaces so that the number in each octagon is equal to the sum of its four surrounding squares. Each coloured area should add up to the colour totals at the bottom. Solution below.

SET SQUARE

	+		+		= 19
×		+		×	
8	+		−		= 4
−		−		−	
	÷		+		= 9
= 19		= 8		= 50	

Place digits 1-9 to make the sums work. Each digit can be used only once. Solution below.

Yesterday's solutions

Easy

5	2	3	1	6	7	4	8	9
1	7	4	9	8	5	3	6	2
6	9	8	2	3	4	5	7	1
4	5	9	8	2	6	1	3	7
2	1	6	5	7	3	9	4	8
3	8	7	4	1	9	6	2	5
7	6	5	3	9	2	8	1	4
8	4	2	6	5	1	7	9	3
9	3	1	7	4	8	2	5	6

Teaser

2	3	4	8	5	1	6	7	9
5	9	1	6	7	4	3	2	8
7	6	8	9	2	3	5	1	4
3	4	5	1	9	2	7	8	6
8	7	2	5	4	6	9	3	1
6	1	9	7	3	8	4	5	2
9	8	3	2	6	5	1	4	7
1	5	6	4	8	7	2	9	3
4	2	7	3	1	9	8	6	5

Toughie

7	1	3	5	8	6	2	9	4
5	2	4	7	1	9	8	3	6
6	9	8	3	4	2	7	5	1
2	4	5	8	6	3	1	7	9
8	6	9	1	5	7	3	4	2
1	3	7	2	9	4	6	8	5
3	5	1	9	2	8	4	6	7
4	8	2	6	7	5	9	1	3
9	7	6	4	3	1	5	2	8

Two-speed crossword

ACROSS: 1 Moth, 3 Spectrum, 9 Topsoil, 10 A-cor-n, 11 Verge(r), 12 T-went-y, 14 Treaty, 16 Fier-ce, 19 F-arm-er, 21 F-etch, 24 Point, 25 Part-ne(a)r, 26 Con-trite, 27 Achy.

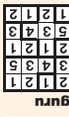
DOWN: 1 M-ot-i-v-ate, 2 Ta-pi-r, 4 Pa-la-te, 5 Chafe, 6 R-o-oster, 7 Men-u, 8 Fore-st, 13 Let-h-argy, 15 (R)elation, 17 In-form, 18 Armp-i-t, 20 Mo-t-or, 22 Tonic, 23 E-pic.

NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT RECYCLING

The recycled paper content of UK newspapers in 2025 was 34.7%

Today's solutions

Sunguru



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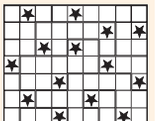
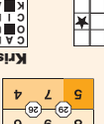
Stars



X Factor

Set Square

Sakuro



Kakuro

Wordsearch

Killer Sudoku

Brainbuster

What goes around comes around

Missing Link

Jump, Riot, Tail, Half, Tyre, Hair, From, Ring, Free, Peer

JOLLY ROGER

Numbercrunch

77, 4, 4930

Page 2 Sekuta

Top line 489
Middle 127
Bottom 536

Add Up

102

Calls for clues & answers last no longer than 2 minutes (Sundial answers may vary). Helpline: **0333 202 3390** (9am-5.30pm). Service provider: Spoke, W1T 4HD

CRANE & ABLE

BELFAST'S iconic yellow gantry cranes are getting a £3.1million revamp to prepare for a new era of shipbuilding.

NAVANTIA UK, the owner of **HARLAND & WOLFF**, is overhauling engines, replacing power cables, and making other repairs to the pair — nicknamed Samson and Goliath.

It is part of a £98.5million restructure of Harland & Wolff Belfast to prepare the yard for commercial and naval shipbuilding projects.

ASDA'S IN MIX

IT has been a mixed summer for **ASDA** as its sales fell 0.2 per cent year or year.

But the 12 weeks to August 9 figures, in data by Worldpanel by Numerator, were still the supermarket's best since March 2024.

Chairman Allan Leighton has been trying to win back customers by lowering prices.

The firm's market share is 11.5 per cent — behind **TESCO** and **SAINSBURY'S**, which respectively made up 27.8 and 15.2 per cent.

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BONANZA ON BONDS

Bigger prizes & shorter odds

By OLIVIA TOMLINSON

PREMIUM Bond holders will have a better chance of winning prizes from September.

The odds are being shortened from 22,000-to-one for every £1 to 21,000-to-one – meaning the prize rate is increasing from 3.8 per cent to 4.35 per cent.

There will also be some £63million worth of extra prizes up for grabs next month compared to August.

This means 308,000 more prizes will be handed out, pushing the total prize pot past £497million.

There will be 12 more £100,000 prizes, 27 more £50,000 prizes, and 51 extra £25,000 prizes compared to August.

More than 2.3million bond holders will also receive £100 each.

The boost comes after **NATIONAL SAVINGS & INVESTMENTS** raised its fund rate and odds from 3.3 to 3.8 per cent in July.

NS&I has also hiked its Direct Saver account rate from 3.45 per cent to 3.75 per cent. Income Bonds customers will also earn 3.75 per cent, up from 3.4 per cent.

The increases comes as NS&I attempts to raise £15billion for the Treasury this year.

The cash is used toward paying for part of the Government's debt.

Anyone over 16 can buy NS&I Premium Bonds. The minimum investment is £25 and the maximum anyone can hold is £50,000.

However, unlike savings accounts, no interest is added. Instead, the bonds go into a monthly draw with prizes ranging from £25 up to £1million.

£63m worth of extra prizes up for grabs next month

Despite the better chance of scooping money, experts say it is still important that savers shop around.

Sarah Coles, head of finance at **AJ BELL**, said: "There are better deals on offer elsewhere – especially if you are fixing for longer."

FTSE 100 10,728.04 **UP** 7.74pts 0.07%

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SHARE PRICES

21st Cent Fox Inc A	5046½	-	
21st Cent Fox Inc B	3352¼	-	
Aberdeen Group*	243¼	-	1 ¼
Anglo American	3820	-	108
Assco Br Foods	2022	+	19
AstraZeneca*	11802	+	242
Aviva	738¼	+	8 ¼
BAE Systems	2206	-	30
BP*	533¾	+	14
BT Group*	202¾	+	4 ½
Barclays*	503½	-	11 ¾
Barratt Redrow	315½	-	6 ¼
Bco Santander SA	1064	-	22
Brit Ameri Tobacco	4163	+	22
British Land	427¼	-	3 ¾
Bunzl	2776	+	24
Burberry Group	1078	+	28
Compass	2334	+	5 ¼
Currys	157¼	-	0 ¾
Diageo	1686½	-	17
Drax Group	727½	+	4 ½
Experian	2879½	+	80 ½
FirstGroup	182	-	0 ½
Frasers Group	815	+	20 ½
GSK*	1889	+	37 ½
Greggs	1796	-	2
HSBC*	1515¾	-	15 ¼
IMI*	3064	-	20
ITV	71½	+	0 ½
Imperial Brands	2586	+	18
InterCont'l Hotels	11769¾	-	28 ½
Intl Consol Airlines	428¼	-	8
Johnson Matthey*	2351½	+	5 ½
Kingfisher	324¾	+	2 ¾
Legal&General	301¼	-	0 ½
Lloyds Banking Gp*	112¾	-	1 ¾
LSE Grp*	8552	+	74
Man Group*	311	-	2 ½
Marks & Spencer	389½	+	8
Mitch & Butlers	279	+	2
Mitie Group*	208	-	
Mobico Group	25¾	-	0 ½
Mothercare	0¾	-	0
NatWest Group*	693¾	-	15 ¼
National Grid	1208	+	18 ½
News Corp A	2151½	+	35
News Corp B	2447¼	+	32 ¼
Next	15030	-	15
Pennon*	458¾	+	5 ¼
Persimmon	1156	-	11
Prudential	1036	+	2
Rank Group	104	-	2 ¼
Reckitt Benckiser*	5020	-	6
Rentokil*	345¾	-	1 ½
Rightmove	504¾	+	0 ½
Rio Tinto Ltd*	8775¼	-	58
Rolls-Royce*	1535¼	-	28 ¼
SSE*	2417¾	+	17 ¾
Sainsbury's	331½	-	1
Segro*	959¾	+	8
Severn Trent	3090	+	50
Shell*	3387½	+	58
Smith&New	1112	+	24
Smiths News	69½	-	0 ¼
Standard Chartered*	2198	-	37
Tesco	445¾	-	1 ¾
The Sage Grp	1061	+	13 ½
Unilever*	4578½	+	66
United Utilities	1416	+	28
Vanquis Banking Gp	78¼	-	0 ¾
Vesuvius	390¾	-	2 ¼
Vodafone	120¼	+	0 ½
WH Smith	419¾	-	0 ½

* = ex dividend

FRASERS UPS BOSS OFFER

FRASERS GROUP has increased its stake in HUGO BOSS a month after its takeover bid was rejected by the brand.

The Mike Ashley-owned retail giant upped its shareholding to nearly 48 per cent after putting the offer to investors.

It had owned around 36 per cent of the German fashion company and suggested £1.73billion for the rest the business, equivalent to £32.50 a share.

Hugo Boss's board felt the deal was inadequate and turned it down. Frasers has been steadily building its stake in the Metzingen-based firm since 2020.

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WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Return flights from a selection of UK airports
- Stay four nights at the five-star Royal Lagoons Resort & Aqua Park or similar
- All-inclusive dining and drinks at the resort
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- All transfers

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WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Return flights from London to Fort Lauderdale
- One-night stay in Fort Lauderdale
- 14-night full board cruise onboard Holland America Line's Eurodam
- Visits to RelaxAway, Half Moon Cay
- All meals onboard
- Onboard entertainment and activities
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BOXING

AJ-FURY ROW

Ty in knots

BRIT MORE OF A WAIT . . . Anthony Joshua's clash with Tyson Fury (right) could switch to USA

HEARN DENIES GYPSY KING 'IMMINENT' FIGHT BOAST

EDDIE HEARN hit back at Tyson Fury's claim that his bout with Anthony Joshua will be "announced imminently" — and is fighting to keep it out of America.

By **JACK FIGG**

Both British heavyweight stars have signed to finally face off this year but AJ's deal states the clash **MUST** take place in the UK.

Organisers including streaming service Netflix and Saudi boxing financier Turki Alalshikh prefer a fight across the pond to capitalise on the prime-time American viewing.

Alalshikh previously said the only way the Battle of Britain could land on home soul is if the UK Government approved a later start time for Stateside viewers.

And promoter Hearn also rubbished Fury's claims the clash would be signed off very soon.

Hearn *(right)* said it will **NOT** be announced today and added: "There's absolutely nothing imminent at all regarding an announcement, unless there's an announcement without our approval. All I can really tell you is we've signed for the fight. OK? Obviously, they want to change the contract that we signed. It's not something that we do as a company.

"But we also understand these guys are our partners, and it seems like everybody is adamant that the fight takes place in New York.

"There isn't really any consideration, there's no willingness to speak to the Government, Sadiq Khan, Transport for London.

"Tyson Fury has agreed to do it in America and we haven't at the moment.

"So, we're talking through a roadmap of what that might look like to change the deal. And if they do all the things that we've discussed and agreed in principle, then I think there's a very good chance that the fight will happen in America. We'll be disappointed. It's like everything falls on deaf ears.

"You signed a contract to do the fight in England. Why don't you do it in England? You know, we could speak to Transport for London, we could do this. "Netflix want it in America, no, Turki Alalshikh wants it in America. No, no, no, no.

"So, our conversations are, 'OK, well if you want it in America, this is what we'd like to change within the contract. And if you agree to that, we've got a fight'.

"There is absolutely no agreement for the fight to take place anywhere else.

"Right now there is absolutely no agreement to change the contract that we signed."

Hearn's outburst came after Fury told his seven million Instagram followers: "Big fight on the horizon. It's the one you've all been waiting for!

"About to be announced imminently, so stay tuned."

George puts his neck on the line

GEORGE WILLIAMS won the battle of England's half-backs to leave Warrington hot on the heels of the top two.

Hull KR.....28
Warrington.....34

The national skipper, who has recovered from a neck injury, darted in from 35 metres for a try.

Williams also played key roles in scores for two-try Albert Hopoate and James Bentley.

Hull KR talisman Mikey Lewis went over on his return from a four-match ban but was sin-binned for the **FOURTH** time this season after jumping into a kicking Ewan Irwin.

Toafofoa Sipley and Liam Byrne also scored for the Wolves, as Karl Lawton, Dean Hadley and Tevita Pangai Junior got the hosts' other tries.

SPORTS ROUND-UP: RESULTS & FIXTURES

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
PLAY-OFF ROUND FIRST LEG

LEVSKI SOFIA (0) 0 AEK ATHENS (0) 0

D ZAGREB (2) 2 VIKING FK (2) 2
Beljo 6
Lisica 10
Christiansen 26
Tripic 39

FENERBAHCE (0) 1 LYON (1) 1
Greenwood 47
Openda 40

VERTU EFL TROPHY

NORTHERN Group B - Wigan 3 Aston Villa U21 2.

Northern Group E - Stockport County 6 Everton U21 3.

SOUTHERN Group C - Reading 1 Wycombe 1 (Reading win 3-1 on penalties).

SOUTHERN Group F - Barnet 5 Arsenal U21 1, Leyton Orient 1 AFC Wimbledon 1 (Leyton Orient win 6-5 on penalties).

SOUTHERN Group G - Northampton 0 Brighton U21 3.

ENTERPRISE NORTH - Bedford Town 2 Buxton 1, Brackley 0 King's Lynn Town 2, Darlington 0 Chester FC 1, Hebburn Town 1 Worksop Town 0, Hednesford Town 2 Southport 2, Hereford FC 3 Radcliffe 0, Marine 0 Chorley 2, Merthyr Town 2 AFC Telford 2, Morecambe 0 South Shields 1, Oxford City 1 Harborough Town 1, Scarborough Athletic 3 Spennymoor Town 0, Spalding Utd 0 Macclesfield FC 0.

ENTERPRISE SOUTH - AFC Totton 0 Dorking Wanderers 3, Dover 0 Tonbridge Angels 1, Hemel Hempstead 0 Maidenhead Utd 1, Horsham 2 Hampton & Richmond 0, Maidstone Utd 1 Folkestone Invicta 1, Slough 0 Farnham Town 1, Torquay 0 Weston-S-Mare 0, Walton & Hersham 0 Dag & Red 2.

THE PITCHING IN NORTHERN PREMIER - Ashton Utd 2 Whitby Town 0, Cleethorpes Town 2 Alfreton Town 1, Curzon Ashton 2 Bamber Bridge 2, Gainsborough Trinity 4 Stockton Town 1, Guiseley 3 Bury FC 2, Hyde Utd 1 FC United of Manchester 0, Ilkeston Town 1 Warrington Town 2, Leek Town 1 Emley AFC 2, Redcar Athletic 3 Lancaster City 1, Warrington Rylands 1 Quorn 0.

TENNIS

ATP & WTA CINCINNATI OPEN (Ohio): **3rd rd, Men -** J Mensik (Cze) bt R Hijikata (Aus) 6-3 6-4; A Zverev (Ger) bt T Atmane (Fra) 7-6 (7-4) 7-6 (8-6) A Fils (Fra) bt J Lehecka (Cze) 6-1 6-7 (7-9) 6-3; T Paul (USA) bt D Vallejo (Par) 3-6 6-3 6-4; A de Minaur (Aus) bt A Fery (GB) 7-5 7-6 (7-3); R Jodar (Esp) bt A Tabilo (Chi) 6-2 6-1; N Borges (Por) bt A Rublev (Rus) 6-3 6-4, T Fritz (USA) bt D Merida Aguilar (Spa) 6-3 6-4; L Musetti (Ita) bt M Zheng (USA) 6-1 6-3.

Women - J Mensik (Cze) bt R Hijikata (Aus) 6-3 6-4; A Zverev (Ger) bt T Atmane (Fra) 7-6 (7-4) 7-6 (8-6) A Fils (Fra) bt J Lehecka (Cze) 6-1 6-7 (7-9) 6-3; T Paul (USA) bt D Vallejo (Par) 3-6 6-3 6-4; A de Minaur (Aus) bt A Fery (GB) 7-5 7-6 (7-3) R Jodar (Esp) bt A Tabilo (Chi) 6-2 6-1; M Andreeva (Rus) bt J Tjen (Ina) 6-1 7-6 (7-5), X Wang (Chn) bt E Svitolina (Ukr) w/o; M Keys (USA) bt K Siniakova (Cze) 6-1 6-3.

RUGBY LEAGUE

BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE

HULL K R (14) **22 WARRINGTN** (10) **34**

Hull K R - Tries: Lewis, Lawton, Hadley. Goals: Martin, Mourgue (4).
Warrington - Tries: Hopoate (2), Bentley, Sipley, Byrne, Williams. Goals: Irwin (5).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds	23	18	0	5	784	346	36
Wigan	23	18	0	5	689	407	36
Warrington	23	17	0	6	632	382	34
Wakefield	23	16	0	7	625	422	32
Hull K R	23	15	0	8	682	383	30
Leigh	23	15	0	8	508	428	30
St Helens	23	13	0	10	548	508	26
Catalans	23	9	0	14	449	691	18
Castleford	23	8	0	15	408	716	16
Toulouse	23	7	0	16	460	618	14
York	23	7	0	16	454	665	14
Hull	23	6	0	17	399	499	12
Huddsfield	23	6	0	17	401	661	12
Bradford	23	6	0	17	392	705	12

CRICKET

FIRST TEST
Sri Lanka v India

Galle (day 4 close): India 462 (116.4 overs; D B Padikkal 167; K L Rahul 82; D C Jurel 51; W K Nuwantha 3-175; N G R P Jayasuriya 4-109) & 193 (48.5 overs; R R Pant 66; A M Fernando 4-31; N G R P Jayasuriya 3-43); Sri Lanka 284 (79.4 overs; S D Gamage 100; D P D N Dickwella 80; M J Suthar 4-76; R A Jadeja 3-57) & 84-4 (34.0 overs).

TODAY'S SPORT

(7.45 unless stated)

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
PLAY-OFF ROUND FIRST LEG

Celtic v LASK **8.0**
(Live on TNT Sports 1)
Slovan Bratislava v CM Celje..... **8.0**
(Live on TNT Sports 4)
H Beer Sheva v Sabah Baku **8.0**
NEC v Bodo/Glimt **8.0**
(Live on TNT Sports 2)

EFL TROPHY NORTHERN GROUP D
Mansfield v Man City U21 .....**7.0**

SCOTTISH LOWLAND LEAGUE WEST: Auchinleck Talbot v Beith, Pollok v Johnstone Burgh, Troon v Renfrew.

ENTERPRISE SOUTH: Farnborough v Chesham Utd.

NORTHERN PREMI: AVRO v Workington.

BREEDON HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Banks ODee v Turriff United (8.0), Forres Mechanics v Clachnacuddin (8.0), Inverurie Loco Works v Fraserburgh (8.0), Nairn County v Lossiemouth (8.0), Rothes v Formartine United (8.0), Strathspey Thistle v Brora (8.0), Wick Academy v Invergordon (8.0).

CRICKET

First Test Match—day 1 of 5: England v Pakistan (Headingley, 11am).

First Test Match—day 5 of 5: Sri Lanka v India (Galle, 5.30am).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Betfred Championship: Dewsbury v Rochdale (7.0).

CRICKET

ENGLAND v PAKISTAN

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CAPTAIN SENSIBLE

Root's happy talk as he vows to be a smarter leader

SMILES BETTER . . . Root laughs during Headingley practice

JOE ROOT considers himself the best-prepared England captain in history.

By JOHN ETHERIDGE

The Yorkshireman is confident he has a unique level of knowledge and experience as he takes on the top Test job for the second time.

Root promises to be a smarter leader than during his first spell in charge between 2017 and 2022 – and feels ready to launch a new era for English cricket.

Bazball is finished after Brendon McCullum was sacked as Test coach and his captain Ben Stokes quit international cricket during the Third Test defeat by New Zealand.

Even the highly-respected media manager has left the ECB.

A midnight curfew has been scrapped and Root wants good sense – not stupidity.

That adds up to a big reset when England take on Pakistan in the First Test at Headingley today.

Root, 35, insisted: "The landscape is very different to when I did the job before.

"I'm a different player and person. I'm in a very fortunate and unique position where I have 60-odd games as captain to look back on. There were things I might have wanted to change.

"I've been able to step away and play under a different coach and captain and see the game through a different lens.

"Now I can come back and mould what I think is the best way of taking this team forward.

"In many ways, I feel as ready as any other England captain that has been before.

"To have that amount of experience is invaluable."

Root has no doubt England boast the talent to end a disastrous sequence of two wins in ten Tests – with only minimal tinkering needed.

That includes super-talented batter Harry Brook – confirmed as Root's vice-captain – playing with prudence but without losing his natural aggression.

Root, who has played 166 Test matches, added: "We have a very talented group of players, capable of special things.

"I don't think there's a huge amount we need to change. Small things will make a big difference.

"It's not about ripping it up, it's about keeping a lot of the good stuff Ben and Baz built."

Root was stand-in skipper against New Zealand at The Oval in June while Stokes was probed over his late-night antics.

Defeat in that game extended Root's sequence to one win in his last 18 Tests in charge.

But he still got the role as Brook is already white-ball captain and doubts persist over his maturity for the top job.

David Gower, who returned for a series in 1989 after losing the captaincy in 1986, is the most recent England skipper to get a second go.

Root is in daily contact with coach-in-waiting Stephen Fleming and believes their views align as they attempt to end the chaos of recent weeks.

When asked if he wants to restore calm, Root added: "My natural personality is probably suited to that.

"But it's about looking after the here and now.

"Getting caught up in what's gone will not help.

"I'm looking forward to building something special and trying to make us a better and stronger team.

"I don't believe there's one way of playing Test cricket.

"You have to be adaptable and play the situation, adjust to the ebbs and flows.

"But, of course, you want to put the opposition under pressure by being skilful and intelligent."

Jordan Cox will bat at No3 in his second Test in place of the injured Jacob Bethell.

Dan Lawrence, a hard-hitting batsman and off-spinner with an eccentric action, tries to fill Stokes' all-rounder vacancy.

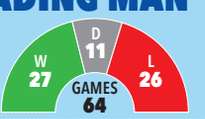
Pakistan skipper Babar Azam is out with a finger injury. Salman Ali Agha takes charge.

ENGLAND (likely): Duckett, Gay, Cox, Root (capt), Brook, Lawrence, Smith (wkt), Atkinson, Robinson, Archer, Tongue.

PACE OF CHANGE . . . Jofra Archer in the nets yesterday

THE LEADING MAN

ROOT'S LAST CAPTAINCY TENURE (2017-22)



ENGLAND'S LAST 12 TESTS

2025	July 2-6	India	Edgbaston	Lost by 336 runs
	Jul 10-14	India	Lord's	Won by 22 runs
	Jul 23-27	India	Old Trafford	Drew
	Jul 31-Aug 4	India	The Oval	Lost by six runs
	Nov 21-22	Australia	Perth	Lost by eight wickets
	Dec 4-7	Australia	Brisbane	Lost by eight wickets
	Dec 17-21	Australia	Adelaide	Lost by 82 runs
	Dec 26-27	Australia	Melbourne	Won by four wickets
2026	Jan 4-8	Australia	Sydney	Lost by five wickets
	Jun 4-7	New Zealand	Lord's	Won by 115 runs
	Jun 17-21	New Zealand	The Oval	Lost by 253 runs
	Jun 25-29	New Zealand	Trent Bridge	Lost by 160 runs
	P12	W3	D1	L8

DeCHAMBEAU . . . back

Bryson's Tour date

By JAKE SANDERS

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU will play his first DP World Tour event in 4½ years at December's Nedbank Golf Challenge in South Africa.

The two-time US Open champion's last non-Major appearance on the circuit was at the JP McManus Pro-Am in July 2022 — a month after his high-profile switch to LIV Golf.

But the American, 32, is set to tee it up at the Gary Player Country Club.

He said: "Gary Player is such a force for good and that inspires me."

But while DeChambeau remains committed to the struggling LIV series, reports claim insiders are "almost resigned" to Europe Ryder Cup star Jon Rahm quitting after the season ends this week.

Williams' return KO

By JAMES CLARKE

SERENA and Venus Williams lost a three-set thriller in their first doubles match together for four years.

They were beaten 6-2 1-6 10-8 by Marta Kostyuk and Peyton Stearns at the Cincinnati Open.

The American sisters last competed together at the 2022 US Open.

Venus, 46, said: "This is our first time playing together in forever.

"We're getting into our stride and give each other so much encouragement."

Venus was last night handed a wildcard into the US Open singles, which begin on August 30.

Meanwhile, Brit Wimbledon hero Arthur Fery lost 7-5 7-6 to Katie Boulter's new husband Alex de Minaur in Cincinnati.

Jack: It's so scary

By PHIL LANNING

SHEFFIELD'S Jack Holder revealed he is suffering "dark times" — with no movement in his hand.

The Aussie speedway star crashed out of the Grand Prix of Poland on June 20 after a pile-up.

Holder, 30, broke his arm, foot, right ankle, a couple of ribs, plus the sacrum bone in his pelvis.

He said: "All the breaks are good — but I've got nerve problems.

"I can't move my hand. It's scary.

"I have to wait 12 weeks to go back to the surgeon.

"There's plenty of dark times. When I crashed, my arm was pointing the other way. It wasn't a pretty sight.

"We got tangled and poor old me, minding my own business, copped it."

PREM A NEW HOT SPUR

Phoenix from the flames

KID IN LINE OFFIAH

BASKING IN THE SON SHINE . . . legend Martin Offiah with his youngest boy Phoenix and the 2026 U-16 Premier League Cup the star helped Spurs win

FAMILY AFFAIR

MARTIN OFFIAH	PHOENIX OFFIAH	TYLER OFFIAH	ODEL OFFIAH
Age: 60	Age: 16	Age: 20	Age: 23
Sport: Rugby League/Union	Sport: Football	Sport: Rugby Union	Sport: Football
Position: Wing	Position: Striker	Position: Wing	Position: Defender
	Club: Tottenham	Club: Bath	Club: Preston

TOTTENHAM narrowly avoided relegation last season but a Phoenix is rising who could save them millions in the transfer market.

EXCLUSIVE by ROSS HEPPENSTALL

Striker Phoenix Offiah, son of rugby league legend Martin, is making huge waves in the North Londoners' academy and been tipped for an England youth call-up.

The 16-year-old, who is 6ft 2in, starred and scored as Spurs beat Fulham 5-3 in a thrilling Under-16s Premier League Cup final last term.

It capped an outstanding breakthrough campaign, while he netted all four goals in a 4-1 win over Wolves this month and trained with Roberto De Zerbi's first-team squad.

Phoenix also struck a double inside a minute of last Saturday's Premier League Under-18s opening-day 6-1 win over Reading.

Dad Martin notched 501 tries during an incredible oval-ball career.

The Wigan legend, 60, told SunSport: "Phoenix wasn't really on anyone's radar at the start of last season – but he certainly is now.

"He scored four in a 6-0 win over West Ham last September and never looked back since.

"He did well in big games, scoring and creating goals against the likes of Chelsea, Manchester City and Aston Villa.

"It was a fantastic first full season in the Spurs academy and he went full-time this summer on a two-year scholarship.

"Phoenix recently got his first wage packet, so he's living his best life." Phoenix, whose older brother Tyler plays as a winger for Prem Rugby giants Bath in union, joined Tottenham's academy in January 2025 after a spell at QPR.

He ended last season with 26 goals and four assists.

Phoenix netted a penalty and created another goal as Spurs' kids beat Fulham in the U16s cup final at Craven Cottage last May.

Martin added: "Tottenham were 3-1 down but Phoenix showed his leadership qualities and drove the team forward to win in extra-time.

"He's well respected in the squad and has come a long way in his first season-and-a-half at the club.

"Tottenham's first team survived relegation last season but you always need a thriving academy to produce players.

"Wigan Athletic have already said that Phoenix can go on loan there and get some first-team experience in League One.

"That would be a great story after my exploits for Wigan Warriors!"

Brother Tyler, 20, scored a try on his Bath debut and represented England Under-20s at this summer's rugby Junior World Championship.

Martin continued: "Tyler's around 6ft 4in but Phoenix is still growing and there aren't many strikers in Premier League academies with his physical attributes.

"He's quicker than most and has a huge leap on him, but significantly his physicality is matched by his technical ability.

"Phoenix and Tyler have both been practising their rugby or football skills from a very early age. It was something I'd have them doing before school every day."

England scouts have been monitoring Phoenix's progress, so the future appears bright for the latest member of a sporting dynasty which also includes Phoenix and Tyler's cousin Odel Offiah *(below)*, who plays for Preston.

Martin added: "Odel is my brother Chike's son and has already played in the Premier League with Brighton and in the Scottish Premiership for Hearts.

"He's doing well in the Championship with Preston.

"Odel is already aware of Phoenix exploits in Spurs' academy because he's been training with the first team.

"Just being around the likes of Dominic Solanke and Richarlison and being able to learn from them, and his Under-18s assistant coach Bradley Allen, is priceless.

"It's just fantastic to see the next generation of Offiahs making their way in professional sport and hopefully they can go on to enjoy careers at the highest level, just like I did.

"I'm immortalised in a statue outside Wembley Stadium and Odel is a professional footballer, so Phoenix is not short of inspiration.

"It's now about how hard he's prepared to work and how much he wants it – but it's definitely exciting times ahead.

"Tyler, Phoenix and Odel should feel blessed.

"But I'm 60 and still hustling every day, so the game of life never really ends.

"Sport's just one part of it."

ON FIRE . . . Tyler, Phoenix, mum Virginia and Martin Offiah

ASHTON . . . ambitious

Town in p*** take!

By ETIENNE FERMIE

IPSWICH are monitoring their players' URINE to gain an edge this season.

Town have renovated their training base, including fancy urinals kitted out with digital screens that the players must sign into before taking a leak.

This enables staff to quickly analyse each star's hydration levels.

Tractor Boys chairman Mark Ashton believes that the 12-month, £30million refurbishment will help lure top talent.

He told the East Anglian Daily Times: "Is it helping attract players? For sure.

"I remember standing with Liam Delap in a muddy field here trying to sell him the vision.

"Now I'm not having to tell prospective signings that there's something going to come two years down the line."

PREM COUNTDOWN

2 DAYS TO GO

CHELSEA won a Prem game from TWO goals behind at half-time for the first time last season — beating West Ham 3-2 in January.

Jarrod Bowen and Crysencio Summerville put the Hammers 2-0 up, but Joao Pedro, Marc Cucurella and Enzo Fernandez *(left)* saw the Blues storm back.

Warning Bell rings

CRAIG BELLAMY has lost another Wales assistant coach.

James Rowberry, 41, opted to focus on his day-to-day job as No 2 to Mark Robins at Stoke.

Dragons boss Bellamy — set to join Burnley this summer before the move collapsed — was rocked last month when trusted assistant Piet Cremers quit to become head coach of Club Brugge's youth academy.

Spurs assistant Andrew Crofts will remain as Bellamy's right-hand man for Wales.

But the gaffer will need to sort out his backroom team ahead of the Nations League opener in Portugal on September 24.

PREM CALL FOR UNITED SIGNINGS

GREEDY LITTLE BIGGIE

Maguire hungry to win them all

BRING IT ON... Maguire in a friendly at the weekend and (left) Sky interview

IN THE DOOR UNITED'S SUMMER SENIOR SIGNINGS

	From	Fee
Andrey Santos	Chelsea	£48m
Youri Tielemans	Aston Villa	£35m
Karl Darlow	Leeds	Free

HARRY MAGUIRE is "greedy" for more Manchester United signings — as the extra firepower will be key to tasting trophy success.

The big England defender insists the need for squad depth trumps any fears he might have over losing his starting spot to a new recruit.

United boss Michael Carrick said he "wants and needs" more players before the transfer window shuts on September 1.

The club have so far experienced a quieter summer than many expected, with just three new faces in Youri Tielemans, Andrey Santos and back-up goalkeeper Karl Darlow.

Maguire, 33, said: "When you play for this club, you want competition for places and it's so important that we have a huge squad.

"I'm at an age now where they can bring in as many as they want, bring in all the best players.

"I want to win all the trophies and be greedy about it — but it's up to the club."

Maguire's seven years at Old Trafford have yielded just the 2022-23 Carabao Cup and 2023-24 FA Cup *(right)* — and the Prem title probably remains out of reach again without more fresh talent through the door.

By KATHERINE WALSH

United chiefs are urging patience while promising new blood within two weeks. But Maguire's centre-back department is set to stay the same.

Instead, they are in the market for a left-back and a midfielder as they enter the final 13 days of the window.

The club have held informal discussions with Newcastle full-back Lewis Hall's camp, but Toon are not prepared to sell the 21-year-old.

United would settle for 19-year-old Arsenal star Myles Lewis-Skelly, who can operate at left-back or in midfield, as an alternative but consider the £60million price to be too high.

Maguire added: "I'm sure they're working hard out there to try to bring in the right players. The more, the merrier.

"The stronger the squad that we have, the more opportunity we have of winning these trophies — and that's what it's all about when you play for Manchester United.

"We've got a good depth of squad and they're working hard on helping us and bringing more in."

Manchester City, Tottenham and Chelsea have all splashed at least £100m on an individual signing — and even newly-promoted Ipswich have outspent United so far this summer.

United invested £83m on midfield pair Santos and Tielemans, having baulked at the valuations of £116m Elliot Anderson, who went to City, and Mateus Fernandes, who moved to Tottenham for £85m.

Carrick said he is targeting "something special" this season after a third-place finish last term and returning to the Champions League for the first time since 2023-24.

Maguire added: "We now need to improve on last season. Everyone wants to win the Premier League — that is going to be our aim, that's what this club demands.

"We have the belief that we can be really competitive and we can beat anyone on our day. It's going to be an exciting season."

Entering his eighth term at Old Trafford, Maguire has weathered an emotional rollercoaster from brief highs under Ole Gunnar Solskjaer and the polarising Erik ten Hag era to the turbulent tenure of Ruben Amorim.

He said: "During my time at the club, we've had some close groups — and no doubt this is one of the closest.

"Just spending time together and winning matches brings teams closer.

"Losing that Europa League final and finishing 15th, to finishing third and putting the club back in the Champions League, it was a good season but we can't stop here."

RASHFORD . . . warned

Roo: Wise up, Rash

By PHIL CADDEN

WAYNE ROONEY has told Marcus Rashford to improve his "body language" if he wants to rescue his Old Trafford career.

Manchester United legend Rooney believes the winger, 28, is the only man who can break his club record of 253 goals.

Rashford made his first Red Devils appearance in 611 days in the 4-2 defeat by ex-boss Ruben Amorim's AC Milan on Saturday.

Roo, 40, said: "Marcus' body language isn't great. He might have to work with someone to make it look better.

"And does he have the hunger to play for United?

"I was there in 2010, when I asked to leave. You have to rebuild the relationship with the fans.

"His work-rate has to improve. If he wants to be at the club, he has to knuckle down.

"He's the one who could get my scoring record."

With Rashford 115 goals behind with two years left on his deal, Roo said: "It's crazy that he'd want to go. He's from Manchester, he's a United fan.

"He's a very lucky lad — he has to get his head down and work his socks off. Play with a smile on his face."

Marcus is not shirty

EXCLUSIVE by PAUL SIMS

MARCUS RASHFORD will not pressure Manchester United into giving him his No10 shirt back if he stays at Old Trafford.

The England forward, 28, has spent the last 18 months away from the Red Devils with loan spells at Aston Villa and Barcelona.

Rashford is back with Michael Carrick's side after Spanish champs Barca opted not to sign him permanently.

Matheus Cunha wore the No10 for United last term after signing from Wolves.

SunSport understands Rashford will not make demands out of respect to the Brazilian forward.

Rashford wore No9 when he came on as a 60th-minute sub during Saturday's 4-2 pre-season loss to AC Milan — his first United appearance since December 2024.

Dedicated to Jaissle

NEWCASTLE sealed a £30million deal for Benfica defender Amar Dedic.

The Bosnian's move sees him reunite with new Toon boss Matthias Jaissle, who he worked with at RB Salzburg in 2023.

Dedic *(right)*, who turned 24 yesterday, has signed a five-year contract at Toon.

He said: "It's a special feeling. I can't wait to start playing for the club's amazing fans.

"Working with Matthias again was a big factor for me. We know each other well, he knows what I can bring.

"Playing Premier League football at St James' Park is going to be really special. Every game feels like a big occasion, with an amazing atmosphere. I'm really excited."

IPSWICH are in talks to sign 29-year-old Switzerland and Stade Rennais striker Breel Embolo.

Embolo scored twice at the World Cup this summer but was sent off as the Swiss lost to Argentina in the quarter-finals.

MLS side Atlanta had expressed interest and were ready to seal a £15million deal but the Tractor Boys have swooped in.

The Wan for Unai

ASTON VILLA have agreed a loan deal for West Ham's Aaron Wan-Bissaka.

The Hammers initially rejected a straight loan for the DR Congo international, 28.

But they have accepted a revised offer which contains an obligation for the Villans to buy Wan-Bissaka *(left)* next summer.

Villa boss Unai Emery has been targeting cover for right-back Matty Cash and saw an offer for Flamengo's Emerson Royal knocked back earlier in the window.

Emery is also close to sending Serbian full-back Kosta Nedeljkovic, 20, out on loan to Rangers in a deal that can be made permanent for £4million.

AL HARRY

Saudis eye Kane & Ollie

DESERT LURE . . . but Kane seems happy at Bayern

By JACK ROSSER

HARRY KANE is an ambitious target for Saudi side Al-Hilal.

Barcelona, Inter Milan and AC Milan are keen on the England skipper.

But Kane is ready to open talks over an extension to his Bayern Munich contract, which expires next summer.

Al-Hilal officials have met with striker Kane's representatives.

He is Bayern's joint-top earner with Jamal Musiala — on £21.5million a year.

Kane is the favourite to win his first Ballon d'Or. He said: "That would be amazing. But it's still two months before the winner is decided."

Al-Hilal have launched a £38.5m bid for Aston Villa's Ollie Watkins.

Villa are not looking to sell the forward, 30, and have not yet responded to the offer.

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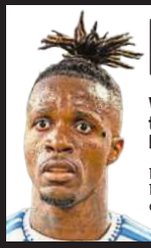

He's a lone Wilf

WILFRIED ZAHA is back training at Crystal Palace but will not rejoin them.

The Eagles icon, 33, has been at their Beckenham base after his Galatasaray contract expired.

But Palace have no plans to re-sign the Ivory Coast winger *(left)*, who played over 400 games for the club.

The London side wrapped up the £11million signing of attacker Zavier Gozo, 19, yesterday on a five-year deal from Real Salt Lake.

NEWS TICKER

GUGLIELMO VICARIO thanked fans for their support after sealing his Tottenham exit.

The Italian goalkeeper, 29, has joined Juventus on a season-long loan with an option to buy.

Vicario made over 100 appearances for Spurs following his 2023 arrival from Empoli.

He said: "Tottenham will forever have a special place in my heart.

"Seeing the joy winning the Europa League gave our fans is something I will be forever proud of."

EVERTON CEO Angus Kinnear insists they will hold out for their first-choice right-back — despite kicking off the new Prem season on Saturday.

The Toffees have yet to make a move for key targets and Kinnear admitted: "We won't have a right-back for the Crystal Palace game."

SUNDERLAND'S deal to sign French star Dayann Methalie is under serious threat after he failed a medical.

The Black Cats had agreed a £26million fee for the 20-year-old left-back from Toulouse.

Additional tests will now take place, with the player returning to France.

SUITS YOU . . . Rodri looks sharp as a Barcelona player

WHART

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Bouaddi, 18, at £85m. While Wharton's price tag is unclear, Palace are expected to be guided by City's £116m deal for Elliot Anderson, 23, and the £100m package Spurs paid the Toon for 26-year-old Sandro Tonali.

City are also yet to decide whether to test Chelsea's resolve with a move for Argentina international Enzo Fernandez.

The Blues set a deadline of 5pm last Friday to meet their £120m asking price for the 25-year-old, who was a key figure under Maresca when he was Stamford Bridge boss.

Rodri finally completed his move to Barca last night after their first two bids were rejected.

The 2024 Ballon d'Or winner signed a four-year contract at the Nou Camp and returns to Spanish football for the first time since he left Atletico Madrid for City in 2019.

He said: "I'm very happy and excited about this new stage in my career.

"It's a fresh challenge, a chance to experience new things and feel that excitement again.

"I've come to a hugely ambitious club that really suits my personality, so I'll try to help in every way I can to achieve our objectives this season."

Rodri leaves City after seven glittering seasons that saw him win four Premier League titles, two FA Cups, three Carabao Cups and the Champions League.

He scored the only goal in the 2023 Champions League final win over Inter Milan as City completed the Treble.

His final two seasons at the Etihad were disrupted after he injured the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee in September 2024.

But he was back to his best at this summer's World Cup and was named the Player of the Tournament as Spain lifted the trophy for the second time.

In a message to City fans, he wrote: "City didn't just make me grow as a player. They made me grow as a human.

"I saw my brother graduating from Manchester Metropolitan University. I could see my girlfriend working for the NHS. Manchester shaped my whole life.

"I will never forget stepping on to the pitch, seeing a sea of blue sing 'Nah, nah, nah, nah . . . CITY', taking my scooter into town for a coffee, walking through the parks listening to Oasis and always loving Manchester's great rain.

"So City fans, it's time to say goodbye, thanks to the club, the fans, the staff and my team-mates. This journey couldn't be the same without you, my heart will always be Blue."

Jamal reveals 'seizure' hell

JAMAL MUSIALA has given a health update after collapsing on the pitch for the second time in four days.

By PHIL CADDEN

The Bayern Munich ace is being treated for a "neurological dysfunction" after going down six minutes after coming off the bench in a friendly 4-2 win at Heidenheim.

Musiala, who also felt unwell in Bayern's 3-1 pre-season win over RB Leipzig on Saturday, looked dazed as he received treatment and was helped off the pitch last night.

(right)

Former England youth international Musiala posted on Instagram: "I'm doing well, I'm especially grateful for all your messages and support.

"I understand that many of you are worried.

"I'd like to put your minds at ease and explain the situation a little. I've been diagnosed with brief, temporary but treatable absence seizures, which are caused by a neurological dysfunction. These can lead to the recent episodes, like the one against Leipzig or now in Heidenheim. I know they seem scary at first glance but, for me, they're currently part of my everyday life.

"I'm receiving excellent medical treatment and am very optimistic. FC Bayern and my family and friends are by my side and supporting me.

"The important thing is that there is no further health risk beyond this.

"In consultation and communication with the specialists, it was my personal wish to face this challenge – and simply get on with my life and pursue my passion of playing football. I have taken responsibility for that decision."

Musiala, 23, missed the first six months of last season after breaking his ankle but he returned in the second half of the campaign and started three games at the World Cup.

PREMIER LEAGUE

TWO DAYS TO GO

TOP OF THE GYOKS

VIKTOR GYOKERES arrived at Coventry — initially on loan — in 2021, and after his permanent arrival from Brighton, was a huge part of the Sky Blues side which just missed out on the FA Cup final and promotion to the Premier League in 2023.

After a successful stint at Sporting Lisbon, the Swede faces his former club for the first time on Friday as a Premier League champion with Arsenal, bagging 21 goals in his first season with the club.

Here's how he stacks up at the two sides.

COVENTRY	GYOKERES AT PREM RIVALS	ARSENAL
2021	Joined	2025
£1m	Fee	£54.8m
2023	Left	N/A
£17.5m	Fee	N/A
116	Games	56
8,850	Minutes	3,494
43	Goals	21
206	Mins/goal	166
301	Shots	93
14.3%	Conversion	22.6%
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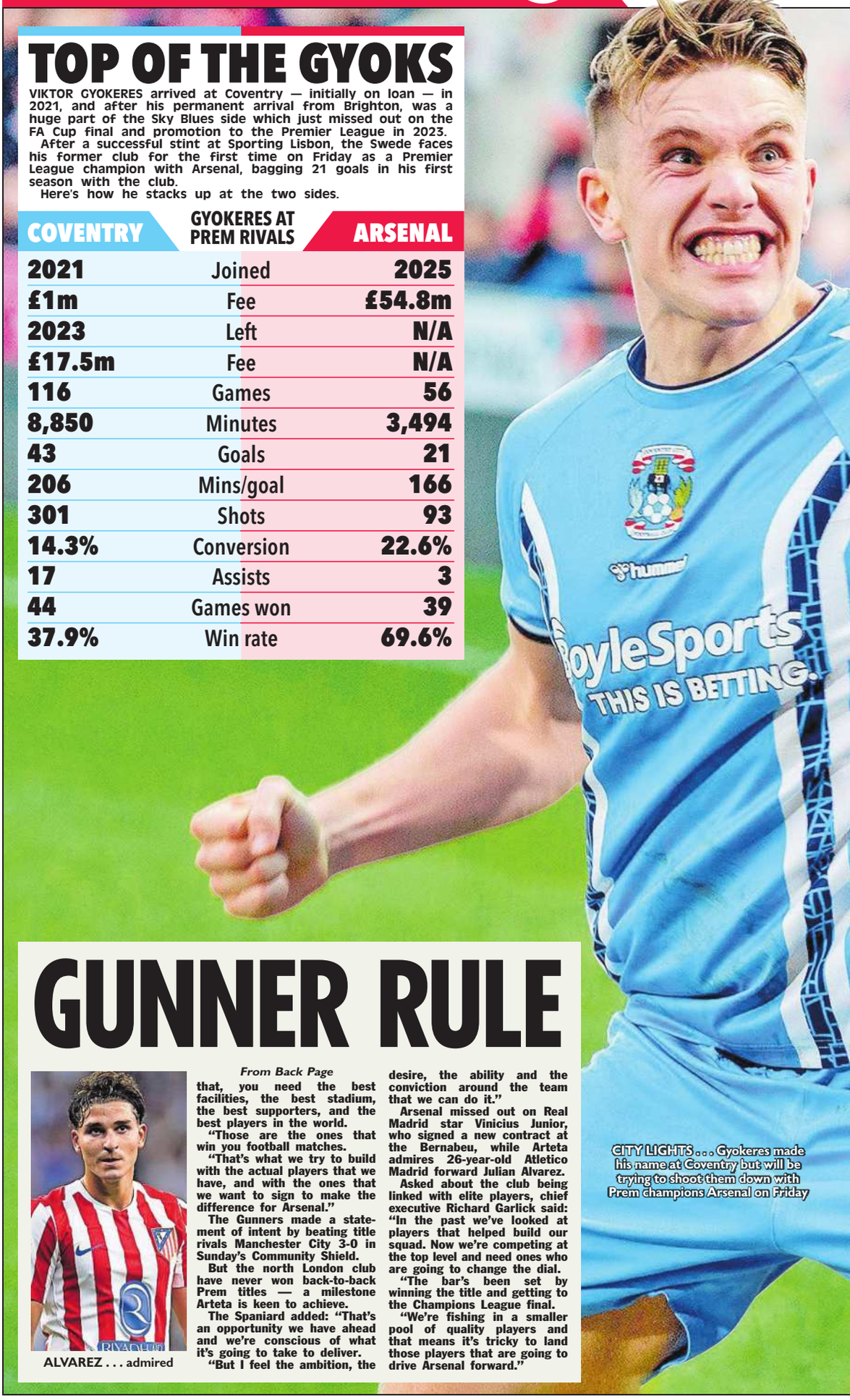
44	Games won	39
37.9%	Win rate	69.6%



CITY LIGHTS . . . Gyokeres made his name at Coventry but will be trying to shoot them down with Prem champions Arsenal on Friday

GUNNER RULE

ALVAREZ . . . admired

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that, you need the best facilities, the best stadium, the best supporters, and the best players in the world.

"Those are the ones that win you football matches.

"That's what we try to build with the actual players that we have, and with the ones that we want to sign to make the difference for Arsenal."

The Gunners made a statement of intent by beating title rivals Manchester City 3-0 in Sunday's Community Shield.

But the north London club have never won back-to-back Prem titles — a milestone Arteta is keen to achieve.

The Spaniard added: "That's an opportunity we have ahead and we're conscious of what it's going to take to deliver.

"But I feel the ambition, the desire, the ability and the conviction around the team that we can do it."

Arsenal missed out on Real Madrid star Vinicius Junior, who signed a new contract at the Bernabeu, while Arteta admires 26-year-old Atletico Madrid forward Julian Alvarez.

Asked about the club being linked with elite players, chief executive Richard Garlick said: "In the past we've looked at players that helped build our squad. Now we're competing at the top level and need ones who are going to change the dial.

"The bar's been set by winning the title and getting to the Champions League final.

"We're fishing in a smaller pool of quality players and that means it's tricky to land those players that are going to drive Arsenal forward."

ARSENAL v COVENTRY

ABSOLUTE MONSTER

Liam brands former team-mate Gyokeres as 'unplayable' in the countdown to Prem curtain-raiser

COVENTRY will mark their return to the big time on Friday night fearing the "absolute monster" they helped create.

By SIMON COLLINGS

EXCLUSIVE

The Sky Blues are travelling to the Emirates for their first Premier League game in 25 years – and that means a reunion with star Viktor Gyokeres.

The striker fired Arsenal to the title last season but first made his name in England by scoring 43 goals during a two-and-a-half-year spell in the Midlands.

Former midfielder Liam Kelly, who is now Coventry's Under-21s coach, captained Gyokeres then and can vividly remember the Swede's impact.

His 21 goals got the Sky Blues to the Championship play-off final in 2023, only for Luton to break their hearts on penalties.

Kelly told SunSport: "Viktor was an absolute monster. At times, he was unplayable.

"He is the most physical, aggressive and hard-working striker I have ever played with.

"You saw that in the latter stages of last season, particularly in the Champions League semi-final against Atletico Madrid *(right)*.

"He showed there that if he is one v one against a defender, then physically he has the edge and that is where he really does well.

"He is going to be a tough player for us to keep quiet on Friday."

Gyokeres was Arsenal's top scorer last season with 21 goals in all competitions, but it has taken time for the 28-year-old to reach the top.

And Kelly can recall how the striker did not hit the ground running at Coventry either, after first joining them on loan from Brighton in January 2021.

He said: "We were just back in the Championship and trying to stay in the league.

"He played the majority of his football from the bench in those first six months.

"When he came on, he was effective, he did well.

"But we went away for the summer and the club decided to sign him on a permanent deal.

"I remember him coming back after that and then he just looked like a completely different animal.

"He was a different beast altogether.

"Physically, he just looked like a man – and he started that season on fire.

"We were in the top two for the first month of the season and we stayed around the play-offs for most of it.

"If somebody had asked me if I would have seen him go on and do as well in his career as he has, I would have said, 'I thought he'd do well'.

"But did I think Viktor would do as well as he has done?

"In terms of getting to the Champions League final, winning the Premier League and being the top frontman at Arsenal, I probably didn't expect him to do that."

Kelly, 36, is not the first person to be surprised by Gyokeres' rise.

And even when he left Coventry for an initial £17.5million to join Sporting in the summer of 2023, no one really predicted him to take Portugal by storm.

The striker ended up scoring an incredible **97** goals in 102 games across two seasons, which earned him his big move to the Gunners.

Kelly added: "The one thing about Viktor is his work rate and work ethic.

"Also, his desire to win has always been there.

"That is what has really carried him to the top of world football.

"Sometimes in training players like to train a bit easier and train a bit lighter – but he was the complete opposite.

"He was at it every single day. I'd probably stay away from him on the training pitch because he just wanted that physical battle all the time.

"He wanted to try to dominate the centre-halves he was playing against.

"And there's no coincidence when he trained as hard as he did, that form then translated on to the pitch."

Gyokeres – who has hit 21 goals in 37 appearances for Sweden, including one at this summer's World Cup – was an unknown quantity when he joined Coventry.

But now he is one of the most feared strikers in Europe.

Those at Arsenal, though, stress how he remains a grounded and quiet character – which is just how Kelly remembers him.

The Coventry legend said: "He was like the rest of us, just a normal guy.

"There was nothing showman about him, nothing flashy, he was just a good, honest and hard-working bloke.

"We had a couple of great seasons and Viktor did really well in those two years. Full credit to him for where he's got to now."

MASTERS . . . criticism

PL chief's attack on Infantino

By MARTIN LIPTON

PREMIER LEAGUE boss Richard Masters has accused Fifa chief Gianni Infantino of pressing the "self-destruct button" over failed plans to sell stakes in the World Cup.

Infantino is fighting to stay in his job following huge backlash to his controversial plans involving private investors.

The FA have withdrawn support for Infantino and Masters said: "This is a problem of Fifa's making.

"This is a self-inflicted wound. The organisation has pressed the self-destruct button.

"I don't think Fifa should be ever contemplating selling off a stake in the World Cup.

"They should really be holding that competition in trust for the future of football.

"I think it's a bad idea, and the FA have taken the right position on Gianni."

Masters hopes Infantino will be replaced when he seeks re-election next year — and called for a shake-up of the role of Fifa president.

Israel is the latest Uefa member association to call for Infantino's head.

Fifa sacked senior executive Kevin Lamour on Monday.

It followed his attack on Infantino over the sell-off plans, which have now been scrapped.

Norway FA boss Lise Klaveness accused Fifa of running an operation of "management by fear".

Refs get a hearing

By MARTIN LIPTON

FANS will get near-live quotes from referees and VAR officials in a bid to reduce Premier League controversy this season.

Communication between officials will be published to "clarify the rationale" of how "selected" decisions are reached

A Prem spokesman said: "This can include the 'referee's call' as described on-field, and the VAR's direct explanation for why they do not intervene or why they recommended an on-field review."

Refs' boss Howard Webb wants more openness to help fans and club chiefs better understand decisions.

Audio of incidents captured by 'RefCam' will also be heard by TV viewers for the first time.

Until now, on-field conversations have been kept under wraps.

This will only apply to a limited number of games — and is not ready for the start of the season.

WYSS . . . smaller stake

£5BN

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give in their Chelsea power struggle.

A new home to replace the ageing Stamford Bridge and help generate greater revenue is central to BlueCo's dreams of sustainable success — on and off the pitch.

Boehly and Eghbali, co-founder of Clearlake, agree on the need to move away from the club's current home to a purpose-built venue.

But their visions for that multi-use complex, whether at Earl's Court or elsewhere, are different.

Neither side is willing to put up their share of the likely £5bn construction costs while the other camp retains influence over the project and overall direction of the club.

Friends and business partners Boehly and Walter each control 12.8 per cent of BlueCo through a shared holding company, with Swiss businessman Hansjorg Wyss having a smaller stake.

Eghbali has been the dominant figure at Chelsea on a day-to-day basis since early 2023.

But Boehly's camp, like Clearlake, has a right to veto major decisions, including transfers and longer-term projects such as the stadium.

Boehly will retain that power even when his five-year term as chairman expires at the end of the season and Clearlake take control of the post.

The two sides have been in talks about buying each other out for two years and are said to have maintained a professional relationship.

But the US probe into Walter — in which he denies all wrongdoing — has helped bring things to a head.

His likely exit from Chelsea would cause a shake-up on its own.

The imminent end of Boehly's chairmanship also creates a neat timeline for change.

A deal will be hard to strike as both sides argue over what shares in BlueCo, owners of Chelsea and sister club Strasbourg, are now worth.

In addition to the £2.5bn cost of buying out Roman Abramovich in 2022, BlueCo pledged to spend a further £1.75bn on the team, infrastructure and women's side.

While manager Xabi Alonso leads a new era on the pitch this season, Chelsea now face months of intrigue off it.

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CHELSEA'S Academy teams are now known as Cobham Next Gen.

The rebrand reflects a focus on developing talent in the Under-21s and Under-19s.

Harry Hudson will be the head coach.

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Boehly's Bridge over troubled Walter

THE marriage of convenience between Chelsea's owners has been on the rocks for two years.

Now it is set to end in divorce over the coming months.

Todd Boehly and Behdad Eghbali have separate executive boxes at Stamford Bridge and have been living mostly separate lives for some time.

The billionaires have muddled on, keeping things civil for the sake of the children.

The terms of their relationship mean chairman Boehly and majority owners Clearlake Capital have to sign off on the day-to-day decisions governing life in the Blues' dysfunctional family.

But they want different things and feel the time is approaching to go their separate ways.

The US authorities' probe into Boehly's friend and business partner Mark Walter is acting as something of a catalyst towards a permanent separation.

Both Walter and Boehly control 12.8 per cent of Chelsea via BlueCo22 Holdings. Swiss billionaire Hansjorg Wyss has a smaller stake.

Walter has already agreed to sell control of the Los Angeles Lakers as regulators and prosecutors investigate how he has used loans from his insurance companies to fund other assets. Walter and his companies deny all wrongdoing and say they are confident of a favourable outcome.

Boehly is under no such pressure, though.

All the money he puts into Chelsea and his other sporting ventures is his own.

He has held on-off talks with Clearlake Capital over buying each other's shares since a

TODD TO SPLIT WITH EGHBALI AMID PROBE INTO PAL MARK

Chelsea power struggle

GROWING APART . . . Blues co-owners Boehly and Eghbali

ABRAMOVICH . . . forced to sell the club

WALTER . . . investigation by regulators

ALONSO . . . in charge for the new season

By DAN KING
EXCLUSIVE

big falling out at the start of the 2024-25 season. And one main reason why things are coming to a head is Boehly's spell at chairman will end next summer.

Next May will mark five years since the BlueCo consortium came together to take advantage of the forced sale of Chelsea.

Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich was sanctioned by the UK Government over his links to Russian president Vladimir Putin following the start of the war with Ukraine.

Having worked on deals with Clearlake before, Boehly had experience of success as co-owner of the LA Dodgers with Walter, as well as in other sporting investments.

Clearlake, co-founded by Eghbali and Jose Feliciano, are majority owners of BlueCo, holding around 61.85 per cent of shares.

Boehly was made chairman, on the understanding Clearlake would assume the role after five years, but quickly became the public face of BlueCo.

With his baseball cap and ideas like a North v South all-star Premier League game, it did not take long to make a name for himself.

Boehly was also interim sporting director for the first few months of the new regime, as Chelsea began a transfer spending spree which now stands at more than £1.5billion.

But all big decisions – including player deals – were and are agreed jointly, with each "side" having a veto to block anything. Although the club was routinely referred to as "Boehly's Chelsea" for some time, the reality is Eghbali has overseen day-to-day operations since early 2023.

Some critics even accuse Eghbali of micro-managing Chelsea – claims his camp deny.

Others say Boehly has interfered unhelpfully, both while sporting director and even after taking more of a back seat.

The decision to axe boss Mauricio Pochettino after the 2023-24 season caused ructions.

Eghbali and his football executive team led by co-sporting directors Paul Winstanley and Laurence Stewart wanted Pochettino to go, despite an improvement on Chelsea's chaotic 2022-23 campaign.

They believed Boehly reluctantly agreed.

But by September 2024, differences in opinion about how to run Chelsea came to a head.

The relationship between Boehly and Eghbali was said to be broken beyond repair.

Divisions also emerged over longer-term strategy, such as how to give Chelsea a 60,000-seater multi-purpose stadium to generate the revenue to compete with European rivals.

Both the Boehly camp and Clearlake were bullish, briefing their confidence they could raise the money to buy out the other side.

Yet nothing happened.

The 2024-25 season under new boss Enzo Maresca was the most successful of the BlueCo regime. Chelsea won the Conference League, earned a return to the Champions League and claimed the first edition of the revamped Club World Cup in the USA.

It is always easier to get on when things are going well. And Chelsea reverted to type in 2025-26. Maresca left under a cloud in January amid links to the Manchester City job which proved well founded.

The Blues made the calamitous decision to bring in the inexperienced Liam Rosenior from sister club Strasbourg.

They spent yet another season without a long-term shirt sponsorship deal and without making any apparent progress on the stadium.

Whether Chelsea find a way to become part of the Earl's Court redevelopment, come up with another new site or even revisit a revamp of Stamford Bridge, the likely cost is £5bn.

Neither side appears willing to put in their share of that massive outlay while the other camp has a significant say over the project.

Xabi Alonso, the **SIXTH** permanent boss under BlueCo, may put things on an even keel.

But there is no papering over the cracks in the boardroom. As someone with knowledge of the situation observed, something has to give.

At the end of May, Boehly is due to hand over the Chelsea chairmanship to Clearlake. It would be the natural time for one side or other to put up or shut up.

Outsiders have always regarded Clearlake and Eghbali as more likely to take full control.

Buying the 25.6 per cent of BlueCo which Walter and Boehly own between them would give Clearlake over 87 per cent of the shares.

It would also end the veto system – although it is unclear how much either side has used it, if at all.

Reaching a deal will not be easy.

Both sides have to agree on a valuation of Chelsea and Strasbourg.

Neither side will give up custody of the kids cheaply but a split now feels inevitable.

DISPUTES, DIVISIONS AND VETOES HAVE MADE DIVORCE INEVITABLE

FERNANDEZ . . . seeking Blues exit

Deadlock heads for bitter Enz

By DAN KING

CHELSEA are ready and willing to sell Enzo Fernandez.

Manchester City boss Enzo Maresca would love to be reunited with the midfielder he brought the best out of when he was in charge of the Blues.

But if Fernandez, 25, does move to the Etihad in this transfer window, negotiations are likely to go down to the wire.

Why? Because Chelsea and City have made their stances crystal clear and are in a Mexican stand-off. Or an Argentinian stand-off, if you prefer.

Neither will want to blink first. The relationship between the clubs was strained by the way Maresca left Stamford Bridge and then pitched up as Pep Guardiola's replacement.

It is not just players, agents and managers who have egos.

Club owners and executives do, too. They do not want to lose face in the battle over Fernandez's future.

They are not willing to go on the record like Atletico Madrid chief executive Miguel Angel Gil Marin.

He has stuck to his comments in June that star forward Julian Alvarez was going nowhere when he criticised Barcelona's pursuit of Fernandez's Argentina team-mate.

Chelsea and City may not make it public but their positions are clear.

Informed by Fernandez's entourage of his desire to leave in late May, the Blues set out the terms under which they would allow it to happen.

They wanted a formal written offer of a guaranteed £120million – to be paid in three instalments.

Those terms were available only until 5pm last Friday.

Very few clubs can spend so much on one player. Real Madrid are one but their interest faded.

City are another. But they are adamant they will not splash out £120m.

Rodri's sale to Barcelona makes no difference with City set to spend all of the £65.4m fee and more on Lille midfielder Ayyoub Bouaddi.

Which is why the Blues say they now expect Fernandez to stay. Yet, with the window open until September 1, the story has at least a fortnight to run.

Neto deal Sau close

PEDRO NETO'S switch to Al-Hilal could be about to move a step closer.

The Saudi side's deal for the Chelsea winger, 26, hinges on the future of former Barcelona wideman Malcom.

The Gulf outfit want a replacement lined up before letting the Brazilian, 29, join their Riyadh rivals Al-Diriyah.

Al-Hilal hoped to land Portugal star Neto for £50-60million and have agreed personal terms.

But Chelsea are now demanding closer to £100m after interest from Premier League rivals — including Manchester City.

Despite that, Malcom's move from Al-Hilal is expected to speed things up from the Saudi side.

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WHARTON ON ROD ALERT

Adam targeted by City

MANCHESTER CITY are set for a midfield spending spree after Rodri joined Barcelona in a £65.4million deal.

By JACK ROSSER

Spain's World Cup-winning captain, 30, is expected to be followed out of the exit door by Tijjani Reijnders, 28, who is on the verge of a £52m switch to Saudi side Al-Qadsiah. Nico Gonzalez, 24, is also in talks over a move to Newcastle.

New Etihad boss Enzo Maresca is seeking additions in the middle of the park.

Crystal Palace star Adam Wharton, 22, is City's latest target as they close in on Lille teen Ayyoub Bouaddi.

The French side value

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Gunner rule the world...

By PHIL CADDEN

MIKEL ARTETA has vowed to make Arsenal the best team in the world.

The Gunners boss delivered the club's first Prem title in 22 years, then snapped up Bruno Guimaraes, Christos Tzolis and Illan Meslier to bolster the defence of their crown this summer.

And Arteta insists there will be no let-up from last season's Champions League finalists, who lost on penalties to Paris Saint-Germain.

Ahead of Friday's big kick-off against promoted Coventry at the Emirates, Arteta *(below)* said: "It's certainly the ambition of the owners to be the best club in the world. In order to do

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CHELSEA TUG OF WAR

Blues' £5bn stand-off

BOEHLY TO SELL STAKE OVER NEW STADIUM STALEMATE

RIVAL OWNERS . . . Eghbali (left) and Boehly do not see eye to eye over Chelsea's future

EXCLUSIVE
By DAN KING

A £5BILLION stand-off between Chelsea's co-owners over plans for a new stadium is accelerating regime change at the club.

Blues chairman Todd Boehly and fellow billionaire Mark Walter are open to selling their minority stakes, with the latter's financial affairs being probed by US authorities.

But SunSport can reveal the delayed £5bn project to build a new home is driving Boehly and Behdad Eghbali of Clearlake Capital towards a break-up of their BlueCo consortium.

We understand that Clearlake, who own 61.85 per cent, and Boehly do not see eye to eye on the club's future.

They feel something has to

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Gloves off in huge Juddmonte clash

THE fighting talk is over and Ombudsman and Constitution River are ready to go toe-to-toe in the Juddmonte International.

In the blue corner is the defending champion Ombudsman who stormed to victory on the Knavesmire from Delacroix in 2025.

Trained by veteran handler John Gosden and his son Thady, five-year-old Ombudsman has won

By CALLUM JAMIESON

over £4.7 million in his career and is the top-rated middle-distance horse in Europe.

But in the orange corner is rising star Constitution River trained by the evergreen Aidan O'Brien (*left*) who has done nothing to dampen enthusiasm around his colt.

Since suffering defeat on his debut, the three-year-old has won five in a row including the French Derby and most recently the Coral-Eclipse at Sandown.

He gets 7lb from Ombudsman and O'Brien reckons he can land a knockout blow.

O'Brien said: "Ryan [Moore] doesn't think he has ridden a better horse before.

"We think he's a special horse. He's always been a bit unusual. He has power and pace, scope and he stays and quickens.

"He's developing all the time and every time he runs we really look forward to it."

Gosden senior (*left*) said: "Last time at Ascot was probably Ombudsman's best performance. Aidan's looks smart but don't forget the others as everyone focuses on the big two and ignores the others!"

THE Favourite

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KIR ROYALE

James grey looks a ready made cocktail for success

KIR WE GO . . . Kirchner has the class and staying power to score at York

KIRCHNER can deliver a lot Moore in the Sky Bet Stayers Handicap (4.10 York, nap).

The world's best jockey Ryan Moore will be in the saddle as this progressive four-year-old looks to take his next step up the ladder.

Trainer James Owen has a well-earned reputation for improving horses and that has been the case with this son of Pinatubo.

He arrived from France at the start of this season having achieved little across the Channel. Yet it took just a couple of starts for the Owen magic to start delivering.

He really came into his own when stepped up to this two-mile trip for the first time in the red-hot Northumberland Plate at Newcastle in

By TEMPLEGATE (Steve Mullen)

June. He was always up with the pace and managed to keep going to take an excellent second in that all-weather contest.

Owen kept him to that trip in the valuable Brown Jack Handicap at Ascot in late July where he made short work of his rivals including **Ghaiyya** and **Fireblade** who reoppose today.

He wasn't stoppping at the line and the four-length margin could have been a fair bit longer.

This will be just his third run over a marathon distance and the handicapper hasn't over-reacted with a 6lb rise in the weights.

He looks more than capable of improving past that and landing another nice pot with mighty Moore a key booking.

FIRST PAST THE POST FOR RACING

The biggest and the best pullout

. . . SEVEN DAYS A WEEK!

Favourite WE'RE THE BIGGEST AND BEST

This is big. HUGE.

The Juddmonte International was officially the best race in the world in 2014, 2020 and 2024, and it might just be once again in 2026 as we anticipate an absolute belter at York today.

Ombudsman v **Constitution River** is the tastiest of tasty clashes to savour.

Two top-class horses trained by geniuses (John and Thady Gosden and Aidan O'Brien), ridden by champions (William Buick and Ryan Moore) and owned by two of the planet's most important owner-breeders (Godolphin and Coolmore) who both enjoy beating each other.

You have a true corker when you throw in a supporting cast of a Group 1 winner in **Almaqam**, a one-time big Derby hope in **Item**, a course specialist in **Pride Of Arras** and a French raider in **Zaydann** handled by Francis-Henri Graffard who can never be dismissed.

That's not to mention **Hawk Mountain** and **Action**, who may or may not be pacemakers but who were first and second in the Group 1 Futurity at Doncaster in 2025.

I could write a thousand words on this race, but my gut feeling is that defending champion **OMBUDSMAN** (3.35) will have too much class for the others. He is, after all, rated 132 and is currently considered the joint-most talented horse on the planet.

Of course Constitution River (gets 7lb from his main rival) is a Classic hero and he's considered special. But he will have to be.

If the ground is no faster than good, and he comes out of the stalls quicker than he did last time, I'd expect a big each-way effort from Almaqam. His Tattersalls Gold Cup success was something special for Ed Walker and he remains a lightly-raced beast.

The International is live on ITV, and the channel shows five races each day, starting with a handicap for older horses over an extended five furlongs.

THE MAN (1.50) is a very well-handicapped horse and has a good draw in stall 3.

He won at this track in 2025 off a mark of 84 and was second in this race to reopposing **Trefor** off 92 but now goes off 89. He rates a major each-way chance and David Egan rides for Richard Spencer.

Next it's up in class for the Group 3 Acomb Stakes for juveniles over seven furlongs.

It is hard to get away from **HAFFNER** (2.25) who was a good winner at Newmarket in a maiden before chasing home Dr Rascal in the Group 2 Vintage Stakes at Goodwood.

He's a talented animal and an outside draw might not be a bad thing in this race.

He can make the running if needs be and Ryan Moore rides for Aidan O'Brien.

The Group 2 Great Voltigeur Stakes for three-year-olds is over a mile and a half and is often seen as a key trial for the St Leger.

It's a fascinating renewal. **Maltese Cross** is one of my favourite horses, but I don't think **CHRISTMAS DAY** (3.00) has got much love for his Derby victory and he's the selection.

He did this column a huge favour at Epsom and his second in the Irish Derby proved he's a top-class colt.

Obviously, he would prefer deep ground, but it was good at the Curragh, and he won the Ballysax on good to yielding so he doesn't have to have mud. Moore and O'Brien again.

ITV ends its coverage with a competitive staying handicap over an extended two miles. **SHRIMP SHADY** (4.10) is improving with every run and followed up a win at Newbury (from **Team Player** and **Ride The Thunder**, who also go again today) with a decent-enough defeat in the Shergar Cup Stayers, at Ascot for which he's up another 1lb.

A solid each-way chance for Rob Hornby and Andrew Balding. The aforementoned Team Player might give him most to do.

Good luck and *Yeeehaaa*!

CLASS ACT . . . Derby hero Christmas Day

Get in the Christmas spirit on massive day

Templegate's Pinstickers'

OMBUDSMAN can be the first horse in a generation to defend the Juddmonte International (3.35 York).

The great Halling was the last to manage that feat – carrying the Godolphin blue to glory three decades ago.

And Ombudsman has the class to follow him. His Royal Ascot win was breathtaking and he loves this trip and track. The ground should be perfect and the Gosdens report him in fine fettle.

He'll have to be because **Constitution River** destroyed his Eclipse rivals at Sandown. He gets 7lb from the elder statesman and can put it to good use.

Item deserves a crack after his smooth Group 2 success here last time but needs to raise his game.

Here's my big-race guide:

By STEVE MULLEN

ALMAQAM ★★

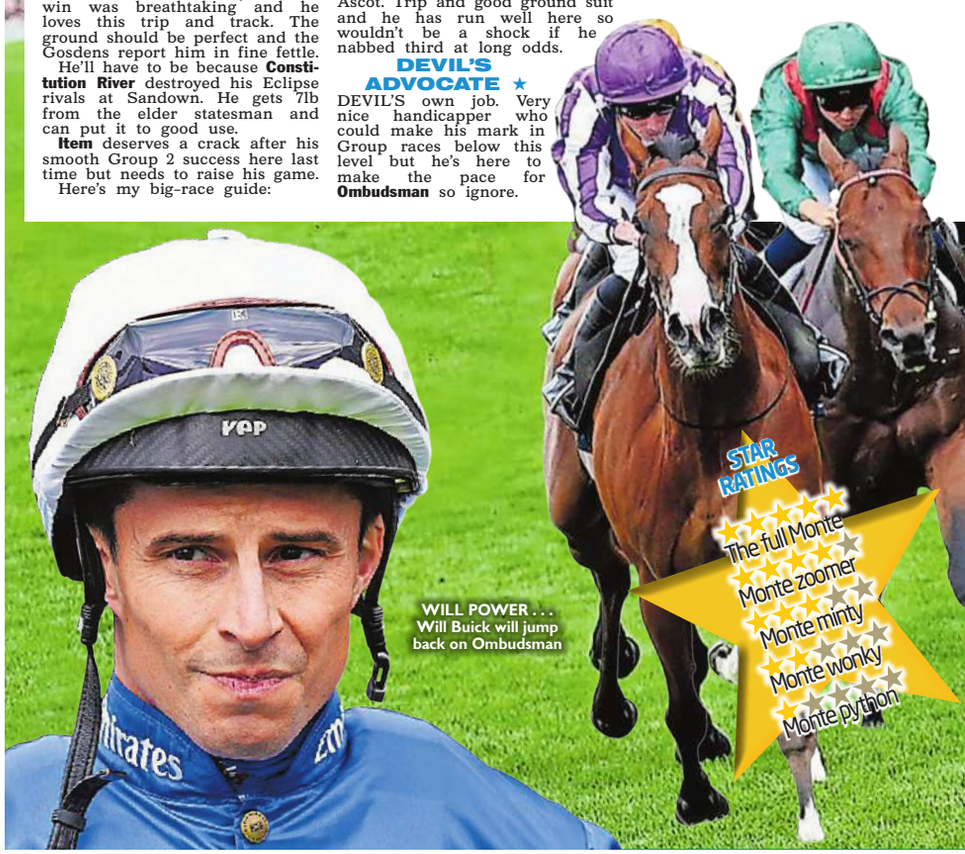
QAM bam. High-class winner of the Group 1 Tattersalls Gold Cup on his return but **Ombudsman** put him firmly in his place at Royal Ascot. Trip and good ground suit and he has run well here so wouldn't be a shock if he nabbed third at long odds.

DEVIL'S ADVOCATE ★

DEVIL'S own job. Very nice handicapper who could make his mark in Group races below this level but he's here to make the pace for **Ombudsman** so ignore.

OMBUDSMAN ★★★★★

SUPER Man. Defending champ is unbeaten in three this year, including his devastating display in the Prince of Wales's at Royal Ascot. He travelled strongly off a searching gallop before sweeping clear to make Minnie Hauk look like a plater, producing a career best. Brilliant in this race last year when scoring easily, so we



WILL POWER . . . Will Buick will jump back on Ombudsman

City boy one of

TROY BOY . . . City Of Troy wins in 2024

WE are in for a treat at York today as Ombudsman and Constitution River go head-to-head in a fascinating Juddmonte International.

The Group 1 has become an iconic race and there have been plenty of memorable clashes on the Knavesmire since it was first held in 1972. We've picked out four of the best:

1972 — BRIGADIER GERARD vs ROBERTO

THE very first running of the race featured a host of big names, but the headline act was undoubtedly Brigadier Gerard.

The legendary Dick Hern-trained star went to York unbeaten in his 15 career starts, having bolted up in the King George the previous month.

And there was a strong line-up against him, including old rival Gold Rod and the first and second from the Derby, Roberto and Rheingold, who were getting weight from the champ.

The bookies and punters still expected Brigadier Gerard to get the job done, mind, and he was sent off the 1-3 favourite in front of a huge crowd.

Roberto went into the lead and kicked for home at the three-furlong pole, catching the great horse surprisingly flat-footed.

The pair battled it out to the line, but Roberto held the hot favourite at bay for a huge upset in what would be the only defeat of Brigadier Gerard's career.

2000 — GIANT'S CAUSEWAY vs KALANISI

GIANT'S CAUSEWAY didn't earn the nickname 'Iron Horse' for nothing, and he showed all of his battling qualities in an epic renewal in 2000.

He'd just got the better of Kalanisi after a tremendous scrap for the Coral-Eclipse earlier that summer, and the pair locked horns again on the Knavesmire.

By JACK KEENE

FOR COLOURS AND TIPS SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

guide to the Juddmonte International

know York and the trip are proven positives. Good ground suits and pacemakers mean he should get the right gallop. Sets a formidable standard

PRIDE OF ARRAS ★★

PRIDE before a fall. Any horse who has won the Dante and Great Voltigeur here deserves to take his chance but he was no match for **Item** over C&D and needs major improvement.

ZAYDANN ★★

ZAY what? Progressive for Graffard and seeking a sixth straight victory after landing a Group 3 over this trip in France last time. He's clearly rising nicely through the ranks but this is a huge leap.

ACTION ★

ACTION replay. Runner-up to **Item** in the Dante here but has been used as a pacemaker in Group 1s since.

CONSTITUTION RIVER ★★★★

RIVER flows on. Could well be the best three-year-old around. He's been outstanding in winning his past five, including the French Derby and Eclipse this summer. Overcame a difficult draw in France before travelling strongly and drawing three lengths clear at Sandown. Trip and good ground are ideal and he gets a handy 7lb from his older rivals which brings them closer together. This is his toughest test but he could well pass it.

HAWK MOUNTAIN ★★★

HAWK a flyer. Group 1 winner at two and better again this year, chasing home **Constitution River** in France before finishing third to him in the Eclipse. Conditions suit but there's no reason why he'll turn the form around with his stablemate. He's bang in the battle for third though.

ITEM ★★★

UNEXPECTED Item. Two from two over C&D, taking the Dante before returning from his soft-ground Derby flop to beat **Pride Of Arras** here last time. Good ground suits and a strong pace should help. Needs another jump forward at Group 1 level but his course record and progressive profile make him the most interesting alternative to the big two.

MAN OF THE MATCH . . . Ombudsman can strike in Juddmonte again at York today

MAN ALIVE

Champ to defend title

best to strut stuff

Aidan O'Brien's three-year-old was sent off the 10-11 favourite, but Kalanisi was only a 5-4 shot as Mick Kinane and Pat Eddery prepared to face off.

The pair started to pull away from the field in the final furlong and, just as he did at Sandown in the Eclipse, Kalanisi looked to be getting the upper hand.

But no sooner had he nosed in front than Giant's Causeway fought back in the last strides to win by a head, with the pair more than seven lengths clear.

2007 — AUTHORIZED vs DYLAN THOMAS

THE impressive Derby winner Authorized came to York with a point to prove having suffered a surprise defeat in the Eclipse.

And he faced a very serious rival in Dylan Thomas, the previous year's Irish Derby who'd won the King George the previous month, not to mention Notnowcato who'd beaten him in the Eclipse under an enterprising Ryan Moore ride.

The two big guns were ridden patiently and they looked set for a box-office bout up the long York straight. Dylan Thomas was briefly caught in a pocket and, though he was able to get out and on to Authorized's tail, he couldn't get past the younger horse as Frankie Dettori got the 6-4 jolly home in front.

2024 — CITY OF TROY vs CALANDAGAN

THERE had been so much hype around City Of Troy for most of the 2024 season, but he still had a point to prove at York.

And the fact he hadn't been ultra-impressive in the Coral-Eclipse meant a big field turned out to take him on.

But Ballydoyle viewed Calandagan, who had bolted up at Royal Ascot earlier in the summer, as the biggest danger.

Moore took most people by surprise by sending City Of Troy into the lead, and one by one he got the field off the bridle.

He couldn't shake off Calandagan, who was nipping at his heels, but City Of Troy held him at bay. Calandagan turned out all right in the end, didn't he?

HUGS ALL ROUND . . . Frankie Dettori and Peter Chapple-Hyam embrace after Authorized's famous Juddmonte win in 2007

GO big on SMALL FRY in the Stayers Handicap (4.10, York).

Joseph O'Brien's marathon man ran into more traffic than a Cairo cabby when he finished second in a top pot at Glorious Goodwood last time

That has put him cherry-ripe for this assignment, and the emerald army are backing their bruiser to bring home the bacon.

Mind you, those bookie chappies had a nice pay day when Andrew Balding's Quicken Away (2s to 5-4) got turned over at Newbury on Friday.

Balding's boys were less than impressed with Oisin Murphy's wallet-wounding effort on that well-bet newbie, but they plan to grab some lolly back with Tarriance in the Ebor.

Handy Andy's ace nicked a decent dust-up at this fixture last year and is being brought to the boil for Saturday's £500,000 scrap.

Friendly faces close to the yard are getting jiggy, and the each-way early birds have already pecked him in from 14s to 8-1.

Red-hot Ed Bethell's (*below*) crew trousered plenty when their tasty two-year-old Rogue Jewel kicked off a quick-fire hat-trick for the yard at Ripon on Saturday. That young gun heads back to the 'Garden Racecourse' for a Listed heat on August 31, and Bethell's band will be playing up their winnings with **COROLLA POINT** in the World Pool Handicap (1.50, York).

Ed's arrow hasn't put a foot wrong since moving 'oop north' after Godolphin stuck him in the bargain bin last season.

The iffy weather should suit, and connections reckon their finely tuned nag can hit the right note. Talking of which, a lively crowd in lairy clobber rocked up for the 'Elton John Tribute Racenight' at Windsor on Monday.

That kept the Thameside gaff's layers on their toes, but they were blown out like a 'Candle in the Wind' when Amanda Perrett's properly punted Pershalla (8s to 4-1) popped up in the lucky last.

By the way, I'm told big spenders from the Far East have been on the blower since Amanda's flyer Gambling Man came up trumps in a two-year-old tussle at Newbury last weekend. Word is talent scouts from Hong Kong have already offered lumpy six figure sums for Perrett's peach, so he might be booked for a one-way ticket to Happy Valley.

My pal 'sun-tan Sammy' spotted a famous fella playing tennis in a hat the other day – apparently, it was Roger Fedora.

Anyway, Sam chews the fat with some gallop gurus from HQ, and they are going banco on John Gosden's **OMBUDSMAN** in the Juddmonte International (3.35).

The Newmarket natterers reckon William Buick got up at sparrows to sling a leg over Johnny G's superstar in an early morning leg-loosener last week. Gozza's gang were tickled pink with that workout, and it will take a heavy hitter to put him on the deck.

Finally, don't miss local lad William Haggas's **MALTESE CROSS** in the Great Voltigeur (3.00).

Hag's hero comes here with all guns blazing after slipping out of a tight spot to pinch a Group 1 in Paris. Connections are eyeing up the St Leger, and he could have too much grit for this lot.

Ed hopes it's Cor blimey

PULLOUT SEVEN DAYS A WEEK — ALL YOU NEED, ALL THE TIME

Favourite WE'RE THE BIGGEST AND THE BEST FOR

THE JUDDMONTE looks a terrific race this year and there's no better location for it than York.

Constitution River up against Ombudsman and the likes of Item is a top-class lineup.

It really is a great meeting. A strong mix of top-class Group 1s and very strong handicaps culminating in Saturday's Ebor.

It's the north's version of Royal Ascot, really, and it's always a great few days of racing with good crowds.

I'm really looking forward to getting back on **CONSTITUTION RIVER** (3.35) in the feature. He's done nothing wrong in his whole career.

He was a good winner at Chester before he won the French Derby, with his most recent run his win in the Eclipse. The trip looks perfect, we think York will suit him and the nicer ground will be ideal.

He takes on last year's winner **Ombudsman**, who was very impressive in the Prince of Wales's Stakes and has obviously been trained with this race in mind. It looks a really good race between the two of them.

With that said, we're really looking forward to Constitution River (*above*) and it'll be great to see how he measures up.

Rapid River can deliver

I start the day on **HAFFNER** (2.25) in the Acomb Stakes. He probably sets the standard.

He had a good run on debut behind smart Abraham Lincoln before winning his maiden on the July Course at Newmarket and ran a very good race to second in the Vintage Stakes at Glorious Goodwood.

I think York will suit. As a son of Justify, he'll like the galloping track, with the only concern being he's drawn a little wide.

Trean was a nice winner for Paddy Twomey last time at the Galway Festival and looks the one to beat.

I sided with **CHRISTMAS DAY** (3.00) in the Voltigeur. He won the Derby at Epsom and backed that up with a good effort in the Irish Derby. He will have to carry a penalty, but the mile and a half will suit him well.

He's had a look round York before when he ran in the Dante where he didn't run bad at all, so he has a good chance.

We also run **Pierre Bonnard**. His season hasn't really gone the way we hoped it would. He was beaten on his first couple of starts and he didn't enjoy the ground at Epsom.

He ran really well in the Irish Derby though, when running on to finish third, and I think York will suit him. He looks to have good claims as well.

I haven't ridden **KIRCHNER** (4.10) before so I don't know much about him, but he looks an improving horse. He won a small-field race at Ascot very well; he's up six pounds for that but he looks as if he will improve again for the step up in distance.

It's going to be a very competitive race. There's plenty of challengers in there, like **Small Fry** who caught the eye the last day.

I ride **DUBAI CHAMPION** (5.20) in the last. He ran a very good race when I rode him at Goodwood. He was a little unlucky when a few things went against him.

He's drawn high at York so we will see how that plays out but he's obviously a progressive horse and I think he will run well.

DAY ONE OF YORK EBOR FESTIVA

TEMPLEGATE

1.50.....Lexington Blitz
2.25.....Haffner
3.00.. Maltese Cross (nb)
3.35.....Ombudsman
4.10.....KIRCHNER (nap)
4.45.. Shes Got A Brother
5.20.. The Dancing Pirate

TOM PEPPER

1.50.....Corolla Point
2.25.....Alfred Wallace
3.00 CHRISTMAS DAY (nap)
3.35 Constitution River (nb)
4.10.....Small Fry
4.45.....Zain Primus
5.20.....Dubai Champion

TEMPLEGATE'S TRIO: Kirchner and Maltese Cross (double) with Haffner (all York).
TOM PEPPER'S DOUBLE: Christmas Day and Constitution River (both York). SUNRATINGS' NAP: DUBAI CHAMPION (5.20 York). THE JUDGE: ALFRED WALLACE (2.25 York).

TIC-TAC: Left-handed, u-shaped track of 2m, 5f run-in. Races of 7f start on a spur.
DRAW: Low numbers best on the straight track, especially when soft
FAVOURITES: (2021-2026): 182 have won out of 682 races (27%). At the previous corresponding meetings, 57 have won out of 166 races (34%). **JACKPOT:** 1-6.
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TOP TRAINERS

2021-2026 W Haggas 41-220, A Balding 40-229, K R Burke 33-295, J & T Gosden 27-118, K Ryan 27-336, R & P Fahey 26-437, R Beckett 25-151, D O'Meara 20-377, R Hannon 18-128, T Easterby 17-520. **THIS SEASON:** A Balding 7, W Haggas 5, J & T Gosden 5, R & P Fahey 4.

TOP JOCKEYS

2021-2026 T Marquand 32-215, W Buick 31-165, D Tudhope 29-285, O Murphy 28-166, R L Moore 25-135, R Ryan 21-159, P J McDonald 19-151, C Lee 18-172, J Hart 15-212, O Orr 12-192. **THIS SEASON:** W Buick 6, P J McDonald 4, J Doyle 4, R Ryan 4.

TRAINER TRACE

FIRST RACE FOR NEW YARD: 1.50 Dapper Valley J Owen to M Keady; **5.20 Brandenburg** N Wilson to Mrs A Duffield; **God Given Talent** J Ferguson to W Haggas. **RACEFAX:** A P O'Brien won the 3.00 in 2016, 2023 & 2024 and 3.35 in 2019 & 2024. A Balding won the 2.25 in 2022 & 2025. J & T Gosden won the 3.00 in 2017 & 2019 and 3.35 in 2018, 2021, 2023 & 2025. R & P Fahey won the 5.20 in 2016 & 2024. **LONGEST TRAVELLERS: Pride Of Arras** (3.35) trained by R Beckett, Kimpton Down, round trip of 502 miles; **Mountain Road** (4.10) trained by J Goldie, Glasgow, round trip of 438 miles; **Gentle Hurricane** (2.25), **Galiyan** (3.00), **Item** (3.35), **Shrimp Shady** (4.10), **Old Is Gold** (4.45), **The Dancing Pirate** (5.20), A Balding, Kingsclere, round trip 432 miles.

IN THE MONEY

TOP EARNERS:
3.35 **Ombudsman** £4,871,343
3.35 **Constitution River** £1,401,859
3.00 **Christmas Day** ..£1,304,938

UNDER ORDERS

SEVEN-DAY WINNERS: None. **BLINKERED FIRST TIME:** 4.10 Valedictory; 5.20 Savage Mariner. **VISORED FIRST TIME:** 4.10 Kilmeaden; 4.45 Stargazed; 4.45 Old Is Gold. **FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP:** None today. **WEIGHTWATCHER:** 4.10 **Prydwen** (won off 107 down 5lb to 102). **JOB JOCKEY:** O Murphy rides **Naana's Shadow** (4.45) for K Scott, 4 from 5, 80%. C T Keane rides **Item** (3.35) for A Balding, 17 from 49, 35%. S Foley rides **Superior Choice** (3.00), **Note To Self** (5.20) for J & T Gosden, 3 from 10, 30%. W J Lee rides **Trean** (2.25) for P Twomey, 177 from 642, 28%. O Murphy rides **Dubai Bling** (1.50) for H Palmer, 65 from 259, 25%.

1.50 HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB WORLD POOL HCAP (Class 2) £69,579; 5f (22 runners)

1 712010 **DUBAI BLING 18 (D)** (17) H Palmer 4-9-12 ..... **Oisin Murphy** 97
Runs: 14 Wins: 3 (F,2G) Places: 5 £162,348
Won decent pot at Ascot, down the field in Stewards' Cup latest, do better

2 P28312 **STRATUSNINE 18 (C)** (16) H Palmer 4-9-12 ..... **James Doyle** ●99
Runs: 16 Wins: 3 (F,A,G) Places: 8 £183,924
Runner-up in Stewards' Cup, slick win here previously, one to beat

3 24-530 **WEST ACRE 18 (D)** (19) G Scott 4-9-10..... **Darragh Keenan** 85
Runs: 14 Wins: 4 (2A,2G) Places: 4 £317,403
Well behind in Stewards' Cup last time, must revive despite a falling mark

4 102120 **DARK THIRTY 18 (C)** (13) J & S Quinn 6-9-8 ..... **Jason Hart** 96
Runs: 41 Wins: 8 (F,7G) Places: 7 £209,221
No show in Stewards' Cup, drop back to 5f not sure to suit, place shout

5 1-3321 **COROLLA POINT 18 (D)** (9) E Bethell 4-9-8 ..... **Callum Rodriguez** 95
Runs: 9 Wins: 4 (2S,2G) Places: 3 £63,562
Consistent, battled well to win at Hamilton last time, 3lb rise

6 9-3136 **LEXINGTON BLITZ 22 (D)** (1) R Cowell 4-9-6 ..... **Edward Greatrex** 97
Runs: 18 Wins: 4 (F,3G) Places: 6 £98,020
Very quick, drawn on wrong side at Goodwood, remains fairly treated

7 416-00 **CANDY 22** (2) R Spencer 4-9-5..... **George Wood** 81
Runs: 17 Wins: 4 (3S,G) Places: 2 £149,031
Tailed-off last at Goodwood last time, impossible to recommend today

8 30-300 **AGAINST THE WIND 97 (D)** (18) K Ryan 4-9-5..... **Kevin Stott** 86
Runs: 15 Wins: 3 (F,2A) Places: 3 £99,041
Tailed off when last here in May, back from a break but others appeal more

9 316045 **TOCA MADERA 18 (D)** (4) D O'Meara 5-9-4..... **Daniel Tudhope** 97
Runs: 27 Wins: 3 (3F) Places: 7 £123,742
Big eyecatcher when fifth at Goodwood last time, leading contender

10 -04001 **TREFOR 9 (CD)** (20) C Hills 5-9-4(5ex).... **Kieran Shoemark** 96
Runs: 23 Wins: 7 (5F,2G) Places: 2 £189,163
Slick win at Windsor last time, 5lb penalty to defy but hard to rule out

11 033825 **EROSANDPSYCHE 10 (V;D)** (8) D Murphy (Ire) 8-9-3 ..... **Oisin Orr** 91
Runs: 29 Wins: 4 (F,2G) Places: 10 £168,440
In good form this season, solid fifth at the Curragh last time, interesting

12 6-1412 **NAANA'S SPARKLE 22 (D)** (12) L Souza 4-9-3 ..... **Kieran O'Neill** 95
Runs: 16 Wins: 5 (F,S,2A,GS) Places: 4 £89,953
Only just held when runner-up at Goodwood last time, strong claims

13 788077 **SPARTAN ARROW 11 (B;D)** (7) A Watson 6-9-2 ..... **Luke Morris** 84
Runs: 24 Wins: 6 (F,2A,3G) Places: 3 £116,594
Recent form is poor but he's tumbling down the weights, bit to prove

14 111502 **GOLD STAR HERO 11 (D)** (10) M Bell 4-9-2..... **Hector Crouch** 90
Runs: 19 Wins: 5 (4A,GS) Places: 2 £50,774
Returned to form in the Shergar Cup Dash at Ascot last time, each-way

15 -56310 **TOYOTOMI 60 (D)** (21) D O'Meara 5-9-2..... **Rossa Ryan** 95
Runs: 25 Wins: 5 (3S,GS) Places: 5 £119,561
No show in Wokingham at Ascot last time, capable of better, fancied

16 293900 **APOLLO ONE 25** (6) Charalambous/Clutterbuck 8-8-13 **Colin Keane** 91
Runs: 51 Wins: 5 (2S,F,2A) Places: 18 £519,821
Down the field here last month, falling hcap mark offers some hope

17 870311 **DAPPER VALLEY 108 (D)** (15) M Keady 5-8-13..... **Tom Marquand** 92
Runs: 30 Wins: 7 (2S,2F,2A,G) Places: 3 £57,584
On a hat-trick after winning at Leicester/Salisbury, absence is a concern

18 510533 **AIR FORCE ONE 25 (V;CD)** (5) G Oldroyd 5-8-13 ..... **P J McDonald** 96
Runs: 18 Wins: 3 (GS,G) Places: 5 £78,994
Likes it here, fast pace will suit but will need luck given running style

19 6-0450 **STORMY IMPACT 22 (D)** (11) R & P Fahey 4-8-11 **Warren Fentiman (3)** 93
Runs: 18 Wins: 3 (A,2G) Places: 5 £126,389
Down the field at Goodwood last time, but he's dropped to a winning mark

20 -66600 **THE MAN 22 (CD)** (3) R Spencer 4-8-11 ..... **David Egan** 90
Runs: 12 Wins: 2 (F,A) Places: 1 £49,193
Enjoyed his finest day here last year, but comes into this out of form

21 707100 **ZIGGY'S TRITON 4 (CD)** (14) D O'Meara 4-8-10... **Silvestre De Sousa** 87
Runs: 29 Wins: 6 (2F,2A,2G) Places: 6 £68,189
Tough win here last month, but flopped last time, quick return raises doubts

22 000607 **ANOTHER BAAR 18 (D)** (22) A Keatley 6-8-10 ..... **Mikey Sheehy** 81
Runs: 51 Wins: 9 (5F,2S,2G) Places: 10 £181,684
Struggled for pace at Hamilton last time, poor recent form is concerning

BETTING: 6 The Man, 7 Toca Madera, Corolla Point, 15-2 Air Force One, 8 Lexington Blitz, 10 Stratusnine, Naana's Sparkle, 14 Trefor, 16 Apollo One, 20 Dubai Bling, Dark Thirty, Gold Star Hero, 25 Erosandpsyche, 33 Against The Wind, Dapper Valley

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 0 5 0 5-15 6
2025: Trefor 9-5, K Shoemark 7-1 (C Hills), drw 7, 20 ran.

PRO BETS

PAST YORK EBOR FESTIVAL WINNERS: 1.50 Trefor, 3.35 Ombudsman, Pride Of Arras, 4.45 Revival Power.
TOP TEAM: NAANA'S SHADOW (4.45 York) has won all three starts when ridden by Oisin Murphy.
HOT TRAINER: Ed Bethell is running at better than 50% wins and he saddles COROLLA POINT (1.50 York) and NATIVE INSTINCT (4.20 Carlisle).
UP FOUR IT: SUPERIOR CHOICE (3.00 York) has won all three starts this season.
GAMBLED ON: TREAN (2.25 York) was well backed before winning easily at Galway last time and should be right there again today.

Sunracing FORM

STRATUSNINE (9-5) 25-1 prominent, shaken up over 2f out, ridden to lead briefly 1f out, forced sustained duel with winner inside final furlong, just held, btn hd by Evening Saigon (9-0) **TOCA MADERA** (9-0) 25-1 took keen hold tracking leaders, going well but not clear run repeatedly 1f out, kept on well when in clear final furlong, eyecatcher, 5th (btn 1¹/₄l) **DUBAI BLING** (9-11) 33-1 slowly away, towards rear, pushed along over 2f out, ridden and steady headway 1f out, no chance with leaders inside final furlong, 10th (btn 3¹/₄l) **DARK THIRTY** (9-0) 12-1 prominent, ridden along over 1f out, faded inside final furlong, 13th (btn 4l) **GOLD STAR HERO** (9-0) 80-1 led, ridden 2f out, headed 1f out, soon no extra, 18th (btn 7l) **WEST ACRE** (9-8) 66-1 very slowly away, in last, never on terms, 19th (btn 7l) (Goodwood 6f hcap (2) £128,850 good to firm).
COROLLA POINT (10-0) 3-1 fav rear of mid-division, headway 2f out, pushed along 1f out, ridden and led over 110yds out, soon joined, kept on, won on nod, bt Eternal Sunshine (8-8) sh hd **ANOTHER BAAR** (9-8) 50-1 mid-division, pushed along well over 1f out, never on terms, 7th (btn 3¹/₄l) (Hamilton 5f hcap (2) £15,462 good).
NAANA'S SPARKLE (9-0) 8-1 rear of mid-division, pushed along 2f out, ran on 1f out, ridden and led narrowly 110yds out, kept on, headed final strides, btn hd by Twilight Calls (8-12) **TOCA MADERA** (9-3) 11-1 chased leaders, pushed along 2f out, ridden and every chance 1f out, no extra towards finish, 4th (btn 1¹/₄l) **LEXINGTON BLITZ** (9-6) 9-1 towards rear, not clear run 2f out, soon switched right and pushed along, ran on strongly 1f out, held closing stages, 6th (btn 1³/₄l) **ZIGGY'S TRITON** (8-11) 33-1 prominent, ridden and lost position 1f out, soon held, 10th (btn 2¹/₄l) **THE MAN** (8-13) 22-1 dwelt, towards rear, pushed along and closed 2f out, kept on one pace final furlong, 13th (btn 3l) **CANDY** (9-2) 40-1 tracking leaders, pushed along 2f out, saddle slipped and eased 2f out, last (23 ran) (Goodwood 5f hcap (2) £38,655 good).
COROLLA POINT (9-3) 4-1 fav rear of mid-division, ridden and headway 2f out, chased winner 1f out, kept on final furlong, 3rd of 21 (btn 2¹/₄l) to Jakajaro (9-9) **TOCA MADERA** (8-10) 33-1 chased leaders, ridden 2f out, hung left 1f out, no extra inside final furlong, 11th (btn 6¹/₄l) **AIR FORCE ONE** (8-13) 5-1 slowly into stride, towards rear, ridden over 2f out, kept on final furlong, 12th (btn 7¹/₄l) **ZIGGY'S TRITON** (9-0) 33-1 mid-division, ridden over 2f out, no impression, 15th (btn 7³/₄l) **STORMY IMPACT** (9-0) 40-1 held up, ridden 2f out, no impression, 16th (btn 8³/₄l) **AGAINST THE WIND** (9-4) 14-1 contested lead, ridden 2f out and weakened quickly 1f out, last (well btn) (York 5f hcap (2) £30,924 good).
TREFOR (9-4) 13-2 chased leaders, pushed along 2f out, ridden 1f out, led 110yds out, kept on well, bt Diligently (8-13) ¹/₂l (16 ran) (Windsor 6f hcap (2) £41,232 good to firm).
EROSANDPSYCHE (9-11) 9-2 mid-division, pushed along 2f out, kept on one pace final furlong, 5th of 12 (btn 1³/₄l) to Rosie Frith (9-5) (Curragh 5f hcap €21,000 good to firm).
GOLD STAR HERO (9-8) 20-1 close up, pushed along 2f out, led final furlong, headed final 110yds, no extra, btn 1¹/₄l by Tuco Salamanca (10-0) **SPARTAN ARROW** (9-11) 11-1 tracked front pair, pushed along well over 1f out, weakened inside final furlong, 7th (btn 4¹/₄l) (10 ran) (Ascot 5f hcap (2) £41,803 good to firm).
DUBAI BLING (9-6) 20-1 slowly away, mid-division, switched left over 1f out, short of room briefly inside final furlong, plugged on final 50yds, 10th of 27 (btn 4¹/₄l) to Double Rush (9-9) **APOLLO ONE** (9-1) 22-1 midfield, no chance with centre group, 14th (btn 7¹/₄l) **TOYOTOMI** (9-1) 80-1 held up in rear, ridden 1f out, weakened inside final furlong, 19th (btn 9l) **TREFOR** (8-7) 66-1 mid-division, headway when hung right 2f out, weakened 1f out, 22nd (btn 9³/₄l) **CANDY** (9-2) 50-1 prominent, weakened quickly 2f out, virtually pulled up final furlong, vet reported colt had bled from nose, last (well btn) (27 ran) (Ascot 6f hcap (2) £30,196 good to firm).
STRATUSNINE (9-7) 10-3 fav chased leaders, challenged 2f out, soon led, kept on inside final furlong, bt Coul Angel (9-4) ¹/₂l **AIR FORCE ONE** (9-2) 9-1 rear of mid-division, headway 2f out, went 2nd inside final furlong, held by winner and lost second towards finish, 3rd (btn ³/₄l) **APOLLO ONE** (9-6) 10-1 prominent, lost place 1f out, 10th (btn 5l) (21 ran) (York 6f (2) £51,540 good to firm).
DAPPER VALLEY (10-0) 8-13 fav raced keenly, in rear, not much room over 2f out, switched left 1f out, strong run final furlong to lead finish, bt Over Spiced (8-10) 1l (5 ran) (Salisbury 5f hcap (4) £5,888 good to firm).
STORMY IMPACT (9-5) 12-1 chased leaders, pushed along over 2f out, soon beaten, 15th of 20 (btn 6l) to Sing The Blues (8-11) (Goodwood 6f hcap (3) £25,770 good).
ZIGGY'S TRITON (9-12) 15-2 midfield, effort 2f out, held, 10th of 12 (btn 8¹/₄l) to Rhythm N Hooves (9-2) (Newbury 5f hcap (3) £15,702 good to firm).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

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LEXINGTON BLITZ can make the most of what should be an ideal low draw. Robert Cowell's (*below*) speedster has improved this season, winning smoothly at Goodwood before an excellent third in the Epsom Dash. Little went right when sixth at Goodwood latest – he missed the kick, stumbled and got stuck in traffic – yet he finished like a train. Back over his optimum 5f, he can go close. **Corolla Point** is thriving, following a series of solid efforts with victory at Hamilton and stall nine is workable. The likely burn-up should suit. **Toca Madera** is another major player from four. He rattled home despite finding trouble when fifth in the Stewards' Cup. He looks suited by this test. Course specialist **Air Force One** has stall five and arrives after an excellent third here over 6f. He was third in this last year and remains in good heart. **The Man** was runner-up 12 months ago and is dangerously treated now, with stall three another positive. **Naana's Sparkle** was touched off at Goodwood and enters calculations, while **Stratusnine** is thriving after winning here and finishing second in the Stewards' Cup, but stall 16 is a headache. **Trefor** won this last year and arrives in winning form, though his berth in 20 makes a repeat tricky.

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TODAY'S PICKS AT YORK

LEG 1.....Lexington Blitz, Toca Madera
LEG 2.....Haffner, Confucius
LEG 3.....Maltese Cross, Superior Choice
LEG 4.....Ombudsman
LEG 5.....Kirchner, Shrimp Shady
LEG 6.....Naana's Shadow, Shes Got A Brother

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GOING: GOOD

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HORSE	Crs	Dis	Gng	Cls	Form	Spd	Trn	Jky	Total
DUBAI BLING	2	2	4	3	3	3	2	5	24/40
STRATUSNINE	4	2	2	3	4	4	2	4	25/40
WEST ACRE	2	2	2	2	2	1	4	1	16/40
DARK THIRTY	4	2	5	2	3	3	2	2	23/40
OROLLA POINT	3	2	4	4	5	5	4	4	31/40
XINGTON BLITZ	3	2	4	4	4	4	3	2	26/40
CANDY	2	4	3	5	1	1	4	1	21/40
AINST THE WIND	2	2	1	4	1	1	1	1	13/40
TOCA MADERA	1	4	1	2	2	4	1	3	18/40
TREFOR	5	5	4	4	1	3	3	2	27/40
ROSANDPSYCHE	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	3	15/40
AANAS SPARKLE	2	2	2	2	3	4	3	1	19/40
PARTAN ARROW	1	4	3	2	1	1	2	1	15/40
OLD STAR HERO	2	2	1	2	3	2	3	4	19/40
TOYOTOMI	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	4	15/40
APOLLO ONE	2	2	1	3	1	2	1	3	15/40
APPER VALLEY	1	2	1	2	4	2	1	3	16/40
IR FORCE ONE	2	1	2	2	4	3	1	2	17/40
TORMY IMPACT	1	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	13/40
THE MAN	4	1	1	2	1	1	4	1	15/40
ZIGGYS TRITON	4	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	15/40
NOTHER BAAR	1	4	2	2	1	1	5	1	17/40

5 TATTERSALLS ACOMB STAKES (GROUP 3) 2-Y-O; winner £99,242; 7f (11 runners)

1 51051 **ALFRED WALLACE 26 (D)** (8) E Walker 9-3 ..... **Kieran Shoemark** 98
Runs: 5 Wins: 2 (F,G) £50,017
Won Listed Pat Eddery Stakes at Ascot last time, leading contender

2 1517 **BIG CIGAR 20 (C)** (9) R & P Fahey 9-3 ..... **Oisin Orr** 91
Runs: 4 Wins: 2 (F,A) £19,795
Course winner, down the field in the Group 2 Richmond last time, e-w

3 2318 **CLASH OF HEARTS 19** (5) A Keatley 9-3 ..... **Mikey Sheehy** 86
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 2 £19,237
Not disgraced in a hcap at Goodwood last time, faces a major class rise

4 21633 **CONFUCIUS 32 (BF)** (10) A O'Brien (Ire) 9-3 ..... **Wayne Lordan** 93
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 £35,328
Not disgraced in Group company last time, step up in trip likely to suit

5 51 **FUEL THE JET 33 (D)** (1) T Clover 9-3 ..... **Neil Callan** 91
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (F) £8,674
Scrambled home in a novice at Newbury, unexposed but more required

6 1 **GENTLE HURRICANE 29** (6) A Balding 9-3 ..... **Oisin Murphy** 92
Runs: 1 Wins: 1 (F) £5,940
Won a Salisbury novice on debut, steps up in class but one to watch

7 212 **HAFFNER 22 (D)** (11) A O'Brien (Ire) 9-3 ..... **Ryan Moore** ●99
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 2 £57,956
Runner-up in the Vintage Stakes at Goodwood last time, one to beat

8 102 **SIOUXPERB 19** (2) A Watson 9-3 ..... **Hector Crouch** 81
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £7,935
Flopped in the Coventry Stakes, exposed at Newcastle last time, ignore

9 221 **STARDOM GLORY 53** (4) H Palmer 9-3 ..... **James Doyle** 92
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 2 £19,816
Improving with racing, got off the mark at Chester last time, more to come

10 301 **TREAN 23 (H;D)** (7) P Twomey (Ire) 9-3 ..... **Billy Lee** 94
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 Places: 1 £12,975
Well punted when bolting up in a maiden at Galway, check betting

11 41 **VEGA KING 22 (D)** (3) K R Burke 9-3 ..... **Clifford Lee** 87
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (F) £7,241
Scrambled home in a novice at Beverley last time, more required today

TTING: 7-4 Haffner, 4 Trean, 6 Confucius, 7 Gentle Hurricane, l Wallace, 12 Vega King, 14 Stardom Glory, 20 Fuel The Jet
ERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 5 2-5 3 3
5: Gewan 9-3, P J McDonald 11-2 (A Balding), drw 7, 7 ran.

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LFRED WALLACE	4	5	5	3	1	4	2	1	25/40
BIG CIGAR	5	3	2	3	1	3	1	2	20/40
ASH OF HEARTS	4	3	3	3	3	1	2	1	20/40
CONFUCIUS	4	3	4	3	2	4	4	1	25/40
FUEL THE JET	4	3	1	3	3	3	1	2	20/40
NTLE HURRICANE	4	3	2	3	5	1	3	4	25/40
HAFFNER	4	3	1	3	4	5	4	5	29/40
SIOUXPERB	4	3	2	3	1	1	1	3	18/40
ARDOM GLORY	4	3	2	3	4	2	1	4	23/40
TREAN	4	4	1	3	2	2	5	1	22/40
VEGA KING	4	3	2	3	1	1	3	3	20/40

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

HAFFNER (*below*) can take another step forward after an excellent effort in defeat at Goodwood. Aidan O'Brien's colt looked smart when winning over 7f at Newmarket before finishing a half-length second in the Group 2 Vintage, keeping on from the front. Ryan Moore can get him settled and his proven stamina at the trip is a major asset. **Trean** looks a danger after bolting up at Galway. Paddy Twomey does not tilt at races like this without good reason and that dominant display suggested the colt could be capable of making the jump. **Alfred Wallace** is firmly in the picture. He bounced back from a disappointing Superlative effort to win a Listed race at Ascot, coming from well off the pace and he won't be far away. **Confucius** has yet to fulfil expectations but his Coventry sixth reads well, while unbeaten **Gentle Hurricane** could show more over this longer distance.

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HUGH HAFFNER . . . hot Haffner is ready to play in the Acomb Stakes

Sunracing FORM

ALFRED WALLACE (9-5) 3-1 fav held up, short of room 2f out, progress final furlong, stayed on strongly, led near finish, bt Silver Dominion (9-5) 1l (10 ran) (Ascot 7f Listed (1) £38,862 good to firm).
BIG CIGAR (9-2) 22-1 midfield, pushed along 2f out, made little impression over 1f out, faded inside final furlong, 7th of 10 (btn 5½l) to Man's Best Friend (9-2) (Goodwood 6f Grp 2 (1) £113,400 good to firm).
CLASH OF HEARTS (9-5) 5-1 prominent, headway 2f out, faded final furlong, 8th of 18 (btn 3½l) to Revels (9-6) (Goodwood 6f hcap (2) £30,324 good to firm).
CONFUCIUS (9-5) 11-10 fav held up in touch, pushed along 2f out and closer in 4th over 1f out, ridden in 3rd final furlong, kept on, 3rd of 7 (4½l) to Celeron (9-5) (Curragh 6f Grp 2 (1) €78,000 good to firm).
FUEL THE JET (9-4) 9-2 took keen hold, prominent, ridden to press leader 2f out, led 1f out, soon drifted right, always doing enough, led 1f out, bt Cilician (9-4) hd (12 ran) (Newbury 7f nov stks (3) £8,100 good to firm).
GENTLE HURRICANE (9-2) 4-1 prominent, pushed along to lead 1f out, pressed final furlong, asserted near finish, bt Soldier Of The Sea (9-9) 1½l (5 ran) (Salisbury 6f nov stks (4) £5,940 good to firm).
HAFFNER (9-3) 4-1 handy, pushed along over 2f out, soon pressed leader, led 1f out, kept on, headed closing stages, no extra, btn ½l by Dr Rascal (9-3) (6 ran) (Goodwood 7f Grp 2 (1) £113,420 good).
SIOUXPERB (9-11) 15-8 led, ridden and headed 1f out, kept on and every chance inside final furlong, held towards finish, btn nk by Sonic Angel (9-4) (8 ran) (Newcastle 6f nov stks (4) £5,400 AW).
STARDOM GLORY (9-7) 11-8 fav in touch with leaders, chased leader inside final furlong, led inside final 110yds, ran on well, bt The Dancing Pirate (9-7) 1l (6 ran) (Chester 6f mdn (4) £7,731 good).
TREAN (9-5) 11-4 disputed lead, led 2 ½f out, went clear travelling well entering straight, ridden and edged left inside final furlong, stayed on strongly, easily, bt City Of Gold (9-5) 4½l (8 ran) (Galway 7f mdn €13,200 good to yielding).
VEGA KING (9-7) 7-2 took keen hold, made all, pushed along 1f out, faced challenge when all out finish, just prevailed, bt Apulia Bay (9-7) sh hd (4 ran) (Beverley 7f nov stks (3) £6,480 good to firm).

★ **FORGET wading through the form. Our traffic lights score every runner out of 40 on the eight things that decide races – course, distance, going, class, form, speed, trainer and jockey. Like traffic lights, green is for go, amber is so-so and red spells danger. The more green the better. Jockeys and trainers are compared against each other's records. The top scorer in each race is the tip – selections that score 35 or more have a particularly strong record.**

3.00 SKY BET GREAT VOLTIGEUR (GRP 2) 3-Y-O; winner £141,775; 1m 4f (6 runners)

1 1-1312 **CHRISTMAS DAY 52 (D)** (4) A O'Brien (Ire) 9-7 ..... **Ryan Moore** ●99
Runs: 8 Wins: 4 (2S) Places: 3 £1,304,938
Derby hero, second in Irish equivalent, strong claims despite penalty

2 1-1121 **MALTESE CROSS 36 (D)** (6) W Haggas 9-7 ..... **Tom Marquand** 98
Runs: 6 Wins: 4 (F,GS,2G) Places: 2 £750,476
Won Group 1 Grand Prix de Paris last time, runner-up in Derby, big player

3 0-4410 **ANTIGUA 52 (B)** (3) A O'Brien (Ire) 9-2 ..... **Ronan Whelan** 73
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (G) £9,835
Down the field in a hcap at Curragh last time, in here to set a fast pace

4 4162 **GALIYAN 41 (D)** (1) A Balding 9-2 ..... **Oisin Murphy** 92
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 £69,002
Runner-up in the Bahrain Trophy last time, improving but lacks a gear

5 1-7273 **PIERRE BONNARD 52** (2) A O'Brien (Ire) 9-2 ..... **Wayne Lordan** 97
Runs: 8 Wins: 3 (F,A) Places: 2 £319,506
Group 1 winner last season, much better in Irish Derby latest, dangerous

6 4-111 **SUPERIOR CHOICE 33** (5) J & T Gosden 9-2 ..... **Shane Foley** 95
Runs: 4 Wins: 3 (2F,G) £59,178
Progressive albeit at a lesser level, stylish win at Hamilton, respected

BETTING: 15-8 Maltese Cross, 9-4 Pierre Bonnard, 7-2 Christmas Day, 9-2 Superior Choice, 14 Galiyan, 100 Antigua
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 6 1 3 1 5
2025: Pride Of Arras 9-5, R Ryan 12-1 (R Beckett), drw 4, 7 ran.

Sunracing FORM

CHRISTMAS DAY (9-2) 4-1 tracked leader, led 3f out, strongly pressed 2f out, headed 1 ½f out, kept on same pace final furlong, btn 1½l by Benvenuto Cellini (9-2) **PIERRE BONNARD** (9-2) 9-1 tracked leaders, ridden 2f out, kept on same pace final furlong, 3rd (2l) (8 ran) (Curragh 1½m Grp 1 (1) €725,001 good).
MALTESE CROSS (9-2) 11-4 towards rear, short of room 2f out, headway 1f out, squeezed through final 110yds, led towards finish, bt Ancient Egypt (9-2) hd (7 ran) (Longchamp 1½m Grp 1 £283,339 good to soft).
ANTIGUA (9-5) 11-2 tracked leaders, ridden 2f out, soon weakened, 12th of 16 (btn 9¾l) to King Of Earth (9-1) (Curragh 1m 1f hcap €60,000 good).
GALIYAN (9-3) 3-1 in touch with leaders, headway 2f out, ridden to chase winner inside final furlong, no extra towards finish, btn ½l by Point Of Law (9-3) (5 ran) (Newmarket 1m 5f Grp 3 (1) £113,420 good to firm).
SUPERIOR CHOICE (9-7) 11-10 fav held up, smooth progress 2f out, shaken up and led 1f out, ran on well, bt Prizeland (9-2) 1¾l (6 ran) (Hamilton 1m 3f Listed (1) £45,368 good to firm).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

MALTESE CROSS (*below*) gets the vote in a fascinating Great Voltigeur after proving his toughness and class at the highest level. William Haggas's colt has improved with every start, following a narrow Lingfield Derby Trial success with an excellent second to Christmas Day in the big one at Epsom before going one better in the Grand Prix de Paris. That Longchamp victory showed his tremendous attitude. He had to squeeze through late and found plenty. This strong-staying son of Sea The Stars can progress again. **Christmas Day** sets a formidable standard after winning the Derby and chasing home Benvenuto Cellini in the Irish equivalent. He has already beaten the tip but softer ground would be ideal. **Pierre Bonnard** produced his best when finishing just behind Christmas Day at the Curragh and looks dangerous if building on that. **Superior Choice** is the unknown quantity. He has rattled off three successive victories and quickened impressively to land a Hamilton Listed race. He could upset them all. **Galiyan** is progressing too, but needs another big step forward at this level.

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	HORSE	Crs	Dis	Gng	Cls	Form	Spd	Trn	Jky	Total
1	CHRISTMAS DAY	3	5	1	5	4	5	3	5	31/40
2	MALTESE CROSS	3	4	5	3	5	4	4	2	30/40
3	ANTIGUA	3	2	2	3	1	1	3	1	16/40
4	GALIYAN	3	3	3	4	1	1	1	4	20/40
5	PIERRE BONNARD	3	3	1	3	2	3	3	3	21/40
6	SUPERIOR CHOICE	3	3	4	3	3	2	5	1	24/40

REST OF YOUR DAY ONE ACTION

EACH-WAY THIEF

COROLLA POINT (1.50 York) has hardly put a hoof wrong this season and got his head in front again at Hamilton last time. Have an each-way double with MISS YECHANCE (4.45 York) who was a cracking third at Glorious Goodwood and can figure again off the same handicap mark.

3.35 JUDDMONTE INTERNATIONAL STAKES (GROUP 1) £850,650; 1m 2f (9 runners)

1 233-14 **ALMAQAM 63 (D)** (4) E Walker 5-9-8 ..... **Kieran Shoemark** 94
Runs: 13 Wins: 4 (S,3G) Places: 4 £664,093
Won Group 1 Tattersalls Gold Cup, no show at Ascot latest, place hope

2 17-247 **DEVIL'S ADVOCATE 63 (D)** (6) J & T Gosden 4-9-8 ..... **Robert Havlin** 76
Runs: 11 Wins: 2 (A,GS) Places: 1 £74,459
Pacemaker for stablemate Ombudsman, will try to annoy Ballydoyle mob

3 12-111 **OMBUDSMAN 63 (CD)** (1) J & T Gosden 5-9-8 ..... **William Buick** ●99
Runs: 12 Wins: 9 (S,4F,GS,3G) Places: 3 £4,871,343
Defending champ, impressive in the Prince of Wales's, the one to beat

4 014-82 **PRIDE OF ARRAS 25 (CD)** (5) R Beckett 4-9-8 ..... **Rossa Ryan** 87
Runs: 8 Wins: 3 (2F,G) Places: 1 £302,016
Likes this track, but no match for Item here last time, more required

5 111-11 **ZAYDANN 28 (D)** (9) F Graffard (Fr) 4-9-8 **Mickael Barzalona** 86
Runs: 7 Wins: 5 (2S,A,GS,G) Places: 2 £108,851
Stylish Group 3 win in France last time, but has plenty to find at this level

6 -42076 **ACTION 25** (8) A O'Brien (Ire) 3-9-1 ..... **Ronan Whelan** 79
Runs: 9 Wins: 1 Places: 4 £150,624
Pacemaker in the King George last time, will set a strong gallop

7 11-111 **CONSTITUTION RIVER 46 (D)** (7) A O'Brien (Ire) 3-9-1 ..... **Ryan Moore** 98
Runs: 6 Wins: 5 (F,GS,2G) Places: 1 £1,401,859
Powerful win in the Eclipse last time, yet to see the best of him, major threat

8 11-123 **HAWK MOUNTAIN 46** (3) A O'Brien (Ire) 3-9-1 ..... **Wayne Lordan** 94
Runs: 7 Wins: 4 (2S,GS,G) Places: 1 £604,785
Class below Con River, but he's very useful in his own right, place shout

9 11-191 **ITEM 25 (CD)** (2) A Balding 3-9-1 ..... **Colin Keane** 93
Runs: 5 Wins: 4 (2F,A,G) £237,835
Won Dante and York Stakes here, flopped in Derby but well respected

BETTING: 11-10 Ombudsman, 13-8 Constitution River, 13-2 Item, 20 Almaqam, Hawk Mountain, 25 Zaydann, 33 Pride Of Arras, 150 Action, Devil's Advocate
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1 3 1 1
2025: Ombudsman 4-9-8, W Buick 7-4F (J & T Gosden), drw 5, 6 ran.

Sunracing FORM

OMBUDSMAN (9-2) 11-10 fav held up, headway 2f out, ridden to lead 1f out, ran on strongly, impressive, bt Minnie Hauk (8-13) 4l **ALMAQAM** (9-2) 7-1 slowly away and pushed along, midfield, ridden 2f out, no extra final furlong, 4th (btn 7¼l) **DEVIL'S ADVOCATE** (9-2) 66-1 raced in 2nd, went clear with leader after 3f, led 3f out, headed 1f out, weakened, 7th (btn) (8 ran) (Ascot 1¼m Grp 1 (1) £567,100 good to firm).
ITEM (9-2) 3-1 chased leader, outpaced 3f out, rallied 2f out, led 1f out, clear final 110 yards, stayed on well, bt **PRIDE OF ARRAS** (9-8) 9-1 led, ridden 3f out, headed 1f out, no impression on winner final 110 yards, kept on (5 ran) (York 1¼m Grp 2 (1) £93,572 good to firm).
ZAYDANN (9-2) 4-9 fav took keen hold, in touch, ridden and headway 1f out, led inside final furlong, eased towards finish, comfortably, bt Woodchuck (9-4) 1¼l (5 ran) (Vichy 1¼m Grp 3 £30,248 soft).
ACTION (8-12) 125-1 pushed along early and led, headed 3f out, weakened over 2f out, 6th of 9 (btn 14l) to Kalpana (9-6) (Ascot 1¼m Grp 1 (1) £1,134,200 good to firm).
CONSTITUTION RIVER (8-13) 8-11 fav midfield, ridden and headway 2f out, led and went clear 1f out, kept on powerfully, bt A Boy Named Susie (8-13) 3l **HAWK MOUNTAIN** (8-13) 11-1 prominent, every chance 2f out, soon outpaced by winner, kept on same pace, 3rd (btn 3½l) (7 ran) (Sandown 1¼m Grp 1 (1) £560,200 good to firm).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

OMBUDSMAN can see off rising star **Constitution River** in what could be the race of the week. The defending champion has been flawless this season, winning all three starts, and his demolition job in the Prince of Wales's Stakes at Royal Ascot was arguably a career best. He travelled powerfully under William Buick (*below*) off a strong gallop before sweeping clear and this return to York looks ideal. He was brilliant in this 12 months ago, good ground suits perfectly and the pacemakers should ensure the race is run to play to his strengths. **Constitution River** could well be the leading three-year-old in Europe. He is chasing a sixth straight win after taking the French Derby and then destroying his Eclipse rivals at Sandown. Receiving 7lb from Ombudsman makes this a genuine clash of generations. **Item** is two from two over this course and distance, having landed the Dante before returning to beat **Pride Of Arras** here last time, although this is much hotter.

3.35

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3.35 YORK

TRAFFIC LIGHT RATINGS 5 = EXCELLENT 3 = AVERAGE 1 = POOR

	HORSE	Crs	Dis	Gng	Cls	Form	Spd	Trn	Jky	Total
1	ALMAQAM	2	1	3	3	2	3	2	2	18/40
2	DEVILS ADVOCATE	1	1	2	2	2	1	5	2	16/40
3	OMBUDSMAN	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	4	34/40
4	PRIDE OF ARRAS	3	2	3	3	1	2	2	4	20/40
5	ZAYDANN	2	2	3	3	5	1	1	1	18/40
6	ACTION	1	1	2	2	1	2	4	1	14/40
7	CONSTITUTION RIVER	2	4	5	4	4	4	4	5	32/40
8	HAWK MOUNTAIN	2	2	2	2	3	3	4	3	21/40
9	ITEM	5	5	4	5	3	4	3	3	32/40

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4.10 SKY BET STAYERS HANDICAP (2) value to the winner £51,540; 2m (17 runners)

1 -15760 **DUKE OF OXFORD 19 (D)**
(16) M Bell 6-9-12 ..... **Hector Crouch** 83
Runs: 28 Wins: 8 (8A) Places: 5 £271,639
Tailed off over further at Goodwood, plenty to prove off top weight

2 682157 **PRYDWEN 53 (D)**
(9) G Scott 8-9-12 ..... **Daniel Tudhope** 92
Runs: 45 Wins: 11 (6A,3GS,G) Places: 8 £368,621
Below best in Plate at Newcastle, capable but carrying plenty of weight

3 4-7521 **KIRCHNER 26 (D)**
(5) J Owen 4-9-7 ..... **Ryan Moore** 98
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (F,GS) Places: 1 £95,178
Easy winner at Ascot last time, leading contender under Ryan Moore

4 199-62 **SMALL FRY 18**
(10) J O'Brien (Ire) 5-9-6 . **Dylan McMonagle** ●99
Runs: 19 Wins: 5 (S,A,GS,2G) Places: 6 £108,429
Unlucky runner-up at Goodwood, strong claims over this longer trip

5 -26115 **VALEDICTORY 18 (B★;BF)**
(4) J & T Gosden 4-9-5 ..... **William Buick** 97
Runs: 8 Wins: 3 (F,A,G) Places: 2 £97,407
Beaten favourite at Goodwood, blinkers now tried, type to bounce back

6 20-130 **MORDOR 64**
(15) G Elliott (Ire) 6-9-4 ..... **Jamie Spencer** 93
Runs: 15 Wins: 3 (F,S,G) Places: 5 £54,302
Strong stayer, well beaten at Royal Ascot last time, worth market check

7 -11592 **TEAM PLAYER 32 (D)**
(14) E Whillans 4-9-4 ..... **Greg Fairley** 97
Runs: 15 Wins: 4 (S,2A,G) Places: 4 £84,674
Slow pace against him when only just held at Newbury, strong fancy

8 21003- **MANXMAN 351 (V;D)**
(12) S & E Crisford 6-9-3 ..... **James Doyle** 94
Runs: 19 Wins: 7 (F,S,A,2GS,2G) Places: 4 £121,210
Useful stayer, makes belated seasonal reappearance, best watched

9 47-101 **IN THE BREEZE 73 (D)**
(7) H Knight 8-9-3 ..... **Colin Keane** 96
Runs: 31 Wins: 7 (F,3S,GS,2G) Places: 4 £84,193
Convincing winner at Goodwood last time, needs plenty of rain to fall

10 8-0371 **BOATSWAIN 45 (D)**
(11) S & E Crisford 4-9-2 . **Callum Rodriguez** 98
Runs: 11 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 3 £19,658
Bolted up over today's trip at Southwell last time, 6lb higher today, go well

11 -07100 **WESTMINSTER MOON 23**
(1) A Martin (Ire) 6-9-1 ..... **Robbie Colgan** 90
Runs: 17 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 4 £64,443
Won big pot at the Curragh in May but struggled since, up against it

12 121612 **SHRIMP SHADY 11 (BF,D)**
(3) A Balding 4-9-1 ..... **Rob Hornby** 91
Runs: 13 Wins: 4 (2F,A,G) Places: 5 £113,617
Much improved this season, but hcapper is catching up, vulnerable

13 2-7359 **KILMEADEN 11 (V★)**
(6) F Bramley 4-9-0 ..... **Clifford Lee** 88
Runs: 11 Wins: 1 Places: 4 £25,222
Down the field in Shergar Cup at Ascot, first-time visor needs to help

14 124862 **GHAIYYA 26**
(13) C Johnston 4-9-0 ..... **Rossa Ryan** 90
Runs: 17 Wins: 4 (2F,2G) Places: 4 £50,653
No match for the improving Kirchner at Ascot last time, more needed

15 0-4423 **FIREBLADE 26 (BF,D)**
(2) D Cunha 5-8-13 ..... **Kieran Shoemark** 88
Runs: 19 Wins: 2 (2F) Places: 9 £83,027
Third behind improving Kirchner at Ascot last time, place best hope

16 42-363 **RIDE THE THUNDER 32 (BF)**
(17) R Varian 4-8-13 ..... **Ray Dawson** 93
Runs: 10 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 5 £66,726
Frustrating to follow, beaten fav again at Newbury last time, risky bet

17 /43513 **MOUNTAIN ROAD 11 (D)**
(8) J Goldie 7-8-12 ..... **Lauren Young (5)** 94
Runs: 21 Wins: 5 (F,3A,G) Places: 4 £97,346
Given poor ride at Ascot last time, competitive under a useful 5lb claimer

BETTING: 7-2 Small Fry, 11-2 Valedictory, 6 Ride The Thunder, 13-2 Shrimp Shady, 8 Kirchner, 10 Team Player, 16 Boatswain, Fireblade, 20 In The Breeze, Mountain Road, Westminster Moon, Mordor, Manxman, Kilmeaden, 25 Ghaiyya, Prydwen, 100 Duke Of Oxford

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 0 2 2 1

2025: Santorini Star 4-9-6, T Marquand 10-3F (W Haggas), drw 10, 13 ran.

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

4.10

KIRCHNER can continue his rapid progress for James Owen (*below*) and take this valuable staying prize under Ryan Moore. The four-year-old has improved with each run since joining his new yard and produced his most convincing performance yet when readily brushing aside **Ghaiyya** over two miles at Ascot last month. He travelled strongly just behind the pace before quickening clear to score by four lengths with loads left in the tank. A 6lb rise looks manageable after that. He had already advertised his quality with an excellent second in the Northumberland Plate and has more to offer as a stayer. **Small Fry** rates a major danger after an unlucky second at Goodwood.

He stayed on strongly once in the clear and this return to two miles should hold no fears. **Shrimp Shady** is another solid contender after winning at Newbury and finishing second at Ascot, although the handicapper may have caught up with him. **Mountain Road** did well to finish third from an unpromising position at Ascot, while **Team Player** remains reliable and was only narrowly denied at Newbury. **Boatswain** is less exposed at staying distances and has place claims.

Sun FORM

DUKE OF OXFORD (9-11) 40-1 always behind, last of 15 (well btn) to Defiantly (9-7) (Goodwood 2m 5f hcap (2) £38,655 good to firm).

KIRCHNER (8-12) 17-2 prominent, ridden and strong challenge from over 1f out, held towards finish, btn 1¼l by Align The Stars (9-6) **RIDE THE THUNDER** (8-13) 3-1 fav took keen hold, held up in touch, ridden 2f out, stayed on same pace final furlong, 6th (btn 4¼l) **PRYDWEN** (9-12) 33-1 prominent, switched right 3f out, pushed along when bit short of room 2f out, stayed on one pace inside final furlong, 7th (btn 4¾l) **TEAM PLAYER** (9-1) 15-2 took keen hold, held up in mid-division, ridden and effort over 2f out, never on terms, weakened inside final furlong, 9th (btn 6l) (20 ran) (Newcastle 2m hcap (2) £77,310 AW).

KIRCHNER (9-5) 11-4 raced in 2nd, travelled strongly into lead final furlong, pushed clear final furlong, eased near finish, bt **GHAIYYA** (9-4) 6-1 led, ridden over 1f out, headed final furlong, kept on but no chance with easy winner, 4l **FIREBLADE** (9-4) 7-4 fav raced in 3rd, ridden 2f out, lost 3rd final furlong, regained moderate 3rd final furlong, no telling impression, 3rd (btn 7¾l) (4 ran) (Ascot 2m hcap (3) £15,462 good to firm).

SMALL FRY (8-13) 6-1 front rank, not clear run and lost position 2f out, headway over 1f out, went 2nd inside final furlong, not reach winner, btn ¾l by Hopewell Rock (9-8) **VALEDICTORY** (9-2) 5-2 fav rear of mid-division, outpaced 3f out, steady headway over 1f out, plugged on inside final furlong, never going pace to challenge, 5th (btn 6l) (Goodwood 1¾m hcap (2) £61,848 good to firm).

SMALL FRY (9-4) 12-1 in touch, pushed along over 2f out, made steady headway 2f out, bit to do when ridden 1f out, kept on, never near to challenge, 6th of 20 (btn 3¾l) to Kizlyar (9-3) **WESTMINSTER MOON** (9-4) 20-1 midfield, ridden along over 3f out, short of room over 2f out, switched right over 1f out, made no impression (btn 14l) **MORDOR** (9-6) 33-1 rear of mid-division, shaken up over 3f out, edged left and bumped rival over 2f out, soon no impression, 15th (btn 15l) (20 ran) (Ascot 2¼m hcap (2) £61,848 good to firm).

SHRIMP SHADY (9-3) 13-2 midfield, smooth progress 2f out, shaken up to lead 1f out, strongly pressed near finish, won on the nod, bt **TEAM PLAYER** (9-8) 5-1 held up in touch, progress 2f out, stayed on strongly final furlong, pressed winner near finish, lost on the nod, ns **RIDE THE THUNDER** (9-5) 13-8 fav prominent, pushed along to lead 2f out, headed 1f out, kept on final furlong, held near finish, 3rd (btn 11¼l) (7 ran) (Newbury 2m hcap (2) £30,924 good to firm).

MANXMAN (9-11) 2-1 chased leaders, lost place 8f out, niggled along 6f out, headway over 1f out, stayed on, went 3rd towards finish, just failed to get 2nd, 3rd of 6 (btn 1l) to Novelista (8-3) (Goodwood 2m hcap (2) £12,885 heavy).

IN THE BREEZE (9-8) 11-2 raced in last, pushed along and progress 3f out, went second over 2f out, led over 1f out, went clear final furlong, eased near finish, bt Maxident (9-3) 5l (6 ran) (Goodwood 2m hcap (3) £10,468 good to soft).

BOATSWAIN (9-7) 6-5 fav raced in 3rd, travelling strongly 6f out, led going best over 3f out, soon went clear, easily, bt New York Minute (9-4) 13l (5 ran) (Southwell 2m hcap (3) £7,966 AW).

WESTMINSTER MOON (11-10) 12-1 tracked leaders, ridden and dropped to 10th 2f out, weakened, 13th of 20 (btn 15l) to Comfort Zone (11-9) (Galway 2m 1f amat hcap £65,999 good to yielding).

SHRIMP SHADY (9-6) 11-10 fav raced wide early, led, headed 6f out, remained handy, pushed along 2f out, led 1f out, kept on, headed closing stages, btn 1l by Dancing In Paris (9-6) **MOUNTAIN ROAD** (9-3) 10-1 held up in rear, improved 3f out, soon switched left and pushed along, ran on well final furlong, nearest finish, 3rd (btn 1¼l) **KILMEADEN** (9-7) 16-1 rear mid-division, pushed along over 2f out, ran on, not much room closing stages, never on terms, 9th (btn 4l) (10 ran) (Ascot 2m hcap (2) £41,803 good to firm).

LONGSHOT

BOATSWAIN (4.10 York) looked a different horse when upped to this trip at Southwell last time. He bolted up by 13 lengths and a 6lb hike in the weights looks more than fair. This is much hotter company but he has more to offer over marathon distances.

4.10 YORK — TRAFFIC LIGHT RATINGS

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	HORSE	Crs	Dis	Gng	Cls	Form	Spd	Trn	Jky	Total
1	DUKE OF OXFORD	5	4	2	4	1	1	1	4	22/40
2	PRYDWEN	3	4	2	4	2	3	3	2	23/40
3	KIRCHNER	3	2	2	2	4	4	3	5	25/40
4	SMALL FRY	3	2	4	3	4	3	2	2	23/40
5	VALEDICTORY	3	2	4	4	4	4	5	4	30/40
6	MORDOR	3	2	3	2	2	1	2	1	16/40
7	TEAM PLAYER	3	3	1	2	3	4	1	1	18/40
8	MANXMAN	3	3	4	2	1	1	4	4	22/40
9	IN THE BREEZE	3	2	3	2	2	2	1	3	18/40
10	BOATSWAIN	3	4	1	2	1	3	4	3	21/40
11	WESTMINSTER MOON	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	13/40
12	SHRIMP SHADY	3	5	5	5	5	5	4	1	33/40
13	KILMEADEN	3	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	14/40
14	GHAIYYA	3	2	3	2	1	1	1	3	16/40
15	FIREBLADE	4	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	15/40
16	RIDE THE THUNDER	3	2	2	2	3	2	4	1	19/40
17	MOUNTAIN ROAD	3	2	1	3	3	2	1	1	16/40

4.45 IRISH THOROUGHBRED MARKETING HCAP (2) 3-Y-O; £51,540; 5f (19 runners)

1 131191 **NAANA'S SHADOW 20 (CD)**
(15) K Scott 9-9 ..... **Oisin Murphy** ●99
Runs: 11 Wins: 5 (F,A,3G) Places: 3 £113,570
Revelation this season, easy win at Goodwood latest, the one to beat

2 3513-3 **POATAN 67**
(14) G Scott 9-6 ..... **David Egan** 98
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 3 £54,988
Unexposed, unlucky in the Scurry at Sandown last time, strong fancy

3 15-700 **REVIVAL POWER 39 (CD)**
(18) T Easterby 9-2 ..... **Colin Keane** 86
Runs: 9 Wins: 3 (2F,G) Places: 1 £155,543
Won Flying Childers last season, but not trained on this year, risky bet

4 100263 **BAKER BLUE 3 (D)**
(11) D Cunha 9-1 ..... **Callum Rodriguez** 92
Runs: 16 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 6 £31,210
Fair third at Pontefract on Sunday, quick return no issues, place hope

5 831265 **SCHRODINGER'S CAT 20 (D)**
(9) G Tuer 9-1 ..... **Oliver Stammers** 97
Runs: 15 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 8 £51,553
Drawn on wrong side behind Naana's Shadow at Goodwood, do better

6 14834 **MANATEE MEHMAS 20 (T★;D)**
(13) D O'Meara 8-13 ..... **Daniel Tudhope** 95
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 2 £20,031
Fourth behind Naana's Shadow at Goodwood, first-time tongue-tie on

7 18-160 **BLACK STAR BOY 61 (T★;D)**
(1) E Walker 8-13 ..... **Kieran Shoemark** 93
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (GS,G) Places: 3 £20,310
Down the field in a hot hcap at Royal Ascot last time, check betting

8 154273 **MISS YECHANCE 20 (D)**
(7) K R Burke 8-11 ..... **Jack Nicholls (3)** 94
Runs: 12 Wins: 3 (F,GS,G) Places: 3 £64,317
Third behind Naana's Shadow at Goodwood, useful claimer takes off 3lb

9 -31102 **TRICKY TEL 25 (D)**
(19) H Palmer 8-10 ..... **Jason Hart** 92
Runs: 10 Wins: 4 (F,GS,2G) Places: 2 £67,086
Runner-up in hot hcap at Chester last time, drop back to 5f no concern

10 311 **ZAIN PRIMUS 92 (D)**
(2) J Butler 8-9 ..... **Ray Dawson** 90
Runs: 3 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 2 £12,068
Unexposed, dual novice winner on the AW, hcapper taken no chances

11 5-2087 **STARGAZED 25 (V★;D)**
(10) K R Burke 8-7 .... **Warren Fentiman (3)** 88
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (GS) Places: 1 £13,460
Plenty went wrong when last at Chester last time, first-time visor now tried

12 401107 **ONE AND GONE 3 (D)**
(4) I Williams 8-6 ..... **Kieran O'Neill** 84
Runs: 17 Wins: 3 (A,2G) Places: 4 £46,191
Won twice this season, struggled recently and others appeal more

13 830-60 **OLD IS GOLD 10 (V★;BF,D)**
(12) A Balding 8-5 ..... **Saffie Osborne** 96
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 £36,191
Down the field at Goodwood, first-time visor needs to help, value bet

14 114350 **SHES GOT A BROTHER 20 (D)**
(5) M & D Easterby 8-5 ..... **Joanna Mason** 93
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 2 £25,831
Struggled at Goodwood last time, but earlier form offers some hope

15 9-8004 **UNDERWRITER 25**
(3) M Keady 8-5 ..... **Luke Morris** 91
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (F,G) £12,209
Improved fourth at Ascot last time, well weighted if building on that effort

16 031535 **MIGHTY MAGNUS 19 (D)**
(8) M Dods 8-4 ..... **Cam Hardie** 87
Runs: 14 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 5 £30,423
Last of five at Musselburgh last time, needs to rediscover his best form

17 13-152 **DOLOS DREAM 26 (BF,D)**
(16) I Furtado 8-2 ..... **Silvestre De Sousa** 93
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 3 £19,202
Narrow runner-up here last time, top track jockey takes the ride, e-w

18 900047 **BOSTON DAN 16 (D)**
(17) T Easterby 8-2 ..... **Duran Fentiman** 91
Runs: 15 Wins: 1 (GS) Places: 5 £164,497
Dropping down in the weights, but form is poor, others appeal more

19 217260 **CALL MARGOT 20 (D)**
(6) G Tutty 8-2 ..... **Connor Planas** 78
Runs: 10 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 £25,286
Tailed off behind Naana's Shadow at Goodwood, difficult to recommend

BETTING: 7-2 Naana's Shadow, 13-2 Zain Primus, 8 Miss Yechance, 10 Schrodinger's Cat, Dolos Dream, Manatee Mehmas, 12 Baker Blue, 14 Poatan, 16 Old Is Gold, Tricky Tel, Mighty Magnus

WHERE FAVS FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

5.20 SKY BET NURSERY (2) 2-Y-O; value to the winner £51,540; 6f (22 runners)

1 107 **RULER'S PRIDE 21**
(8) K R Burke 9-9 ..... **James Doyle** 98
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (F) £5,611
Struggled at Group level, but interesting contender on hcap debut

2 42111 **HAVANA SPRITE 18 (D)**
(5) J Tate 9-8 ..... **Hector Crouch** 95
Runs: 5 Wins: 3 (2F,G) Places: 1 £48,818
Completed a hat-trick at Newmarket last time, up in weights, respected

3 210 **CRYSTAL QUEEN 63**
(22) R & P Fahey 9-5 . . **Warren Fentiman (3)** 96
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (F) £28,516
Down the field in the Queen Mary, likely to do better on hcap debut

4 106 **GOD GIVEN TALENT 33 (T★;D)**
(11) W Haggas 9-5 ..... **Tom Marquand** 90
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (G) £7,155
Won well on debut but struggled last twice at Group level, new yard today

5 4312 **DUBAI CHAMPION 19**
(20) B Haslam 9-3 ..... **Ryan Moore** ●99
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (GS) Places: 1 £24,478
Unlucky not to win at Goodwood last time, Ryan Moore retains the ride

6 200 **SAVAGE MARINER 22 (B★)**
(14) H Palmer 9-3 ..... **Colin Keane** 91
Runs: 3 Places: 1 £2,456
No show at Goodwood, gelded and first-time blinkers need to transform him

7 5100 **PERSIAN SPRING 19 (CD)**
(4) R Hannon 9-2 ..... **Pat Dobbs** 94
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (G) £21,824
Down the field at Goodwood, course-and-distance form offers hope

8 3104 **SOVEREIGN GLORY 19**
(16) C Hills 9-2 ..... **Kieran Shoemark** 97
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £9,212
Fourth in a Goodwood nursery last time, improving and solid claims

9 1050 **UNDERDOG 33**
(17) R Spencer 9-1 ..... **Saffie Osborne** 90
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (G) £7,151
Below best at Pattern-class level, needs to revive on handicap debut

10 412 **JUMEIRAH STORM 27 (P★;D)**
(9) W Knight 9-0 ..... **Neil Callan** 91
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £8,877
Runner-up in a Doncaster nursery latest, first-time cheekpieces will help

11 14 **PEACEFUL WARRIOR 40 (D)**
(12) K Ryan 9-0 ..... **Jamie Spencer** 94
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (G) £23,135
Fourth at Ascot last time, gelded ahead of hcap debut, one to watch

12 2915 **ELEVATING 5**
(18) R Hannon 9-0 ..... **Joe Leavy** 95
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 £14,536
Fifth in a Listed contest at Newbury last week, quick return is a concern

13 314 **TOWELONTHETERRACE 23 (D)**
(13) J Candlish 8-13 ..... **Jason Hart** 95
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 £12,033
Failed to handle the track at Ripon last time, capable of better, e-w

14 4427 **THE DANCING PIRATE 19 (P★;BF)**
(2) A Balding 8-13 ..... **Oisin Murphy** 98
Runs: 4 Places: 1 £9,062
Well punted when beaten fav in a Goodwood nursery, cheekpieces now tried

15 52331 **RLASTHOPE 27 (D)**
(15) T Coyle & K Wood 8-10 ... **Ray Dawson** 90
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 £24,676
Smooth win in a Southwell novice last time, respected on hcap debut

16 6221 **HENLEY ON THAMES 18 (D)**
(6) K De Foy 8-9 ..... **David Egan** 97
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 2 £11,280
Won a maiden at Hamilton last time, improving and attractively weighted

17 54156 **SUPER TUSCAN 19 (D)**
(7) E J-Houghton 8-9 . **Oliver Carmichael (7)** 92
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (F) £7,394
Not disgraced when sixth in a Goodwood nursery last time, do better

18 5723 **NOTE TO SELF 22**
(19) J & T Gosden 8-9 ..... **Shane Foley** 89
Runs: 4 Places: 1 £4,183
Represents powerful yard, but looks harshly treated on hcap debut

19 350 **FANTASY FORCE 25 (P★)**
(3) A Keatley 8-7 ..... **Silvestre De Sousa** 86
Runs: 3 £5,173
Last in a Newcastle novice, first-time cheekpieces must inspire improvement

20 414 **BEAR LEE 25**
(10) M & D Easterby 8-6 ..... **Joanna Mason** 84
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (G) £7,957
Fourth in a novice here last time, much more required on hcap debut

21 658 **SUE'S LAST CHANCE 53**
(1) R & P Fahey 8-5 ..... **Cam Hardie** 85
Runs: 3 £1,057
Down the field in a novice here, improvement needed on hcap debut

22 0121 **BRANDENBURG 33 (D)**
(21) A Duffield 8-5 ..... **Luke Morris** 96
Runs: 4 Wins: 2 (F,GS) Places: 1 £16,157
Powerful win in a nursery at Hamilton last time, dangerous off a low weight

BETTING: 13-2 Havana Sprite, 8 The Dancing Pirate, Dubai Champion, 10 God Given Talent, 12 Jumeirah Storm, Sovereign Glory, Henley On Thames, Ruler's Pride, Note To Self, Brandenburg, 14 Crystal Queen, 20 Elevating, Rlasthope, Peaceful Warrior, Super Tuscan, Savage Mariner, 25 Underdog, Sue's Last Chance

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 0 1 2 4 0

2025: Ruby's Angel 8-5, S Osborne 33-1 (H Palmer), drw 22, 19 ran.

4.45 YORK	Crs	Dis	Gng	Cls	Form	Spd	Trn	Jky	Total
NAANAS SHADOW	5	5	5	5	4	5	1	5	35/40
TRICKY TEL	3	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	29/40
BLACK STAR BOY	4	4	3	4	3	3	4	3	28/40
OLD IS GOLD	4	3	4	3	2	2	4	4	26/40

5.20 YORK	Crs	Dis	Gng	Cls	Form	Spd	Trn	Jky	Total
HAVANA SPRITE	4	5	4	4	5	5	3	4	34/40
PERSIAN SPRING	5	4	4	4	1	3	2	4	27/40
DUBAI CHAMPION	4	2	2	3	4	4	2	5	26/40
GOD GIVEN TALENT	4	3	4	3	1	2	4	3	24/40

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5.25 UNIBET INTERACTIVE MAIDEN STAKES (Class 4); value to the winner £5,400; 7f. (9 runners)

1 (8) **DREAM OF ALBION** A Perrett 3-9-7 ..... **David Probert —**
2 (3) **MILE END ROAD** J Owen 3-9-7 ..... **Cieren Fallon —**
3 (2) **PALLISER** A Watson 3-9-7 ..... **Pierre Jamin —**
4 (6) 56 **VINCENZO BELLINI 15** M Loughnane 3-9-7.. **Hope Regan (7) 81**
5 (1) 0-46 **GRANITEVILLE 224** M Botti 3-9-2 ..... **Kieran Ghiani 98**
6 (7) 3-452 **MERRY 19** J Horton 3-9-2 ..... **Daniel Muscutt 97**
7 (9) 6- **RIVER NILE 354** A Balding 3-9-2 ..... **Callum Hutchinson 88**
8 (4) 5 **SPAREAPENNY 35** P Owens 3-9-2 ..... **Benoit Sayette 82**
9 (1) 223 **WITHTEARSINMYEYES 93** J Channon 3-9-2 .**Billy Loughnane ●99**

BETTING: 15-8 Withtearsinmyeyes, 11-4 Graniteville, 4 Merry, 8 River Nile, 10 Mile End Road, 20 Palliser, Dream Of Albion, 33 Spareapenny, Vincenzo Bellini
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

5.58 UNIBET 3 UNIBOOSTS A DAY NURSERY (6); 2-y-o; value to the winner £3,140; 7f. (13 runners)

1 (1) 859 **SAKOWIN 66** R Hughes 9-9 ..... **Finley Marsh 90**
2 (3) 596 **NO MORE PINO 40** C Pike 9-9 ..... **Seamus Cronin (5) 86**
3 (7) 3063 **KOCHELLA 14** H Dwyer (AUS) 9-8 ..... **Harry Davies ●99**
4 (13) 446 **BEACH AHEAD 14** G & J Moore 9-7 ..... **Toby Moore (7) 97**
5 (4) 8339 **HAVANA COURT 28** W Knight 9-6 ..... **Cieren Fallon 95**
6 (6) 82269 **DREAM ON KENT 22 (T★,V)** P Evans 9-6 ..... **John Egan 91**
7 (8) 486 **CHILLI 34 (H)** E J-Houghton 9-6 ..... **Charles Bishop 97**
8 (2) 698 **PERFECT HOPE 26** T Ward 9-3 ..... **Sean Levey 92**
9 (11) 7958 **TEN YEAR STRETCH 22** J Osborne 9-2 ..... **William Carver 87**
10 (10) 067 **PRINCESS ANNE 19 (B★,T★)** D Cunha 9-2 **Stevie Donohoe 83**
11 (9) 078 **AMINATY 20 (P★)** A Balding 8-13 ..... **Daniel Muscutt 93**
12 (5) 8798 **ALPACA'S BULLET 36** A Kirby 8-9 ..... **Tyler Heard 87**
13 (12) 0486 **THE KALONJI MAN 42 (B)** R Hannon 8-6 ..... **Sean D Bowen 91**

BETTING: 10-3 Kochella, 9-2 Chilli, 8 Havana Court, Aminaty, 10 Beach Ahead, Sakowin, 12 Dream On Kent, 16 The Kalonji Man, Perfect Hope, Ten Year Stretch
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 2
2025: Houdini Miss 9-4 Jack Mitchell 9-2 (James Horton) drawn 4, 7 ran.

6.30 UNIBET/BRITISH STALLION STUDS NOVICE STAKES (3); 2-y-o; winner £7,020; 7f. (13 runners)

1 (13) **1 SONIC ANGEL 19** S & E Crisford 9-11 ..... **Jack Mitchell ●99**
2 (4) **ALGAIHABANE** J & T Gosden 9-4 ..... **Benoit Sayette —**
3 (8) **69 CARROW ROAD 44** C Banham 9-4 ..... **Joey Haynes 80**
4 (6) **GIVE HAND** H Charlton 9-4 ..... **Lewis Edmunds —**
5 (1) **HOSHI** A King 9-4 ..... **David Probert —**
6 (2) **LIBERTY'S HALL** J Owen 9-4 ..... **Cieren Fallon —**
7 (10) **PERFECT HEIR** A Balding 9-4 ..... **Jason Watson —**
8 (12) **SHADDOCK** R Beckett 9-4 ..... **Rhys Clutterbuck —**
9 (5) **STYTCH** A King 9-4 ..... **Charles Bishop —**
10 (11) 752 **THUNDER HOME 27** J Horton 9-4 ..... **Billy Loughnane 97**
11 (9) **TIME TO CLIMB** K Williams 9-4 ..... **Marco Ghiani —**
12 (7) **UNCLE ZELLO** J Channon 9-4 ..... **George Bass —**
13 (3) **LADY NENAZ** T Ward 8-13 ..... **Sean Levey —**

BETTING: 5-2 Sonic Angel, 3 Thunder Home, 5 Algaihabane, 8 Hoshi, 14 Give Hand, Uncle Zello, Shaddock, Liberty's Hall, Perfect Heir
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 abd 4 2 1
2025: Tierra Del Toro 9-7 H Crouch 4-9 Fav (R Beckett) drawn 10, 10 ran.

7.00 UNIBET MORE EXTRA PLACE RACES NOVICE STAKES (4); winner £5,400; 1m 4f. (12 runners)

1 (11) **45 BANKATARY 23** J Owen 4-9-9 ..... **Cieren Fallon 91**
2 (1) 4/ **GOLD HILL 680 (H★)** S Bradstock 4-9-9 ..... **William Cox —**
3 (6) **47 TIDE LINES 42** C Johnston 5-9-8 ..... **Callum Shepherd 83**
4 (7) 2 **LUCY THE WIRE 23 (BF)** J Owen 4-9-4 ..... **Billy Loughnane 94**
5 (5) 0-7 **WESTENDER 41** D Menuisier 3-9-4 ..... **Sean Levey 77**
6 (2) **6 WRECK IT RONNIE 14** C Pike 3-9-4 ..... **Thomas Greatrex 82**
7 (10) 59 **ARKLAN 14** E J-Houghton 3-9-2 ..... **Charles Bishop 79**
8 (8) 432 **LIBERATE 14 (BF)** H Eustace 3-9-2 ..... **Pierre Jamin 98**
9 (12) 0-0 **ESHOWE 23 (H)** E Smyth-Osbourne 3-9-0 ..... **Georgia Dobie 70**
10 (3) 4 **QUIET SUMMER 116** A Balding 3-9-0 ..... **Daniel Muscutt 83**
11 (4) 2 **FEELIN' FINE** J Jones 3-8-9 ..... **Toby Moore (7) 97**
12 (9) 4-226 **ST HILDA 46** M Tregoning 3-8-9 ..... **David Probert ●99**

BETTING: 2 St Hilda, 11-4 Liberate, 9-2 Feelin' Free, 8 Lucy The Wire, 10 Bankatary, 16 Wreck It Ronnie, 20 Gold Hill, 25 Quiet Summer, Tide Lines
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: abd 1 3 3
2025: Finalise 3-8-13 Cieren Fallon 11-8 (W Haggas) drawn 8, 9 ran.

7.30 UNIBET 40,000+ LIVE STREAMED EVENTS HANDICAP (DIV 1) (4); winner £6,281; 1m. (10 runners)

1 (1) 006261 **PERCY'S LAD 7 (C,D)** D & C Kubler 8-10-7(4ex) **Ebrahim Nader ●99**
2 (7) 0/056-6 **MR PROFESSOR 95 (CD)** K De Foy 7-10-4 ..... **Toby Moore (7) 90**
3 (9) 325843 **BREAKDANCER 11 (C,D)** S & E Crisford 4-10-0 **Jack Mitchell 92**
4 (3) 11-3476 **LAKE COMO 74 (P★;D)** G Boughey 3-9-12.. **Billy Loughnane 95**
5 (10) 11-1006 **DARN HOT GALLOP 33 (D)** J Tate 3-9-10 ..... **Lewis Edmunds 91**
6 (8) 2231 **LUCKY CAMINO 39 (D)** H Palmer 3-9-9 ..... **David Probert 98**
7 (2) 53-6 **NIGHT VISE 112 (P★)** S Spencer 3-9-7 ..... **Dale Swift 86**
8 (4) 713-612 **CHAPTER 33 (B)** C Hills 3-9-6 ..... **Jason Watson 96**
9 (6) -126511 **VICTORY ACE 14 (C,D)** J Butler 3-9-4 ..... **Sean Levey 97**
10 (5) 1-0FP90 **LILI MARLEEN 7 (D)** J Jones 4-8-13 ..... **Pierre Jamin 71**

BETTING: 10-3 Percy's Lad, 4 Victory Ace, 9-2 Lucky Camino, 5 Lake Como, 6 Chapter, 15-2 Mr Professor, 8 Breakdancer, 10 Darn Hot Gallop
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 abd 2 3 3
2025: Port Road 4-9-4 Paddy Bradley 18-1 (S Dow) drawn 6, 12 ran.

TEMPLEGATE / TOM PEPPER

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5.25.Withtearsinmyeyes	5.25.....Graniteville
5.58.....Chilli	5.58.....Kochella
6.30.....Sonic Angel	6.30.....Sonic Angel
7.00.....St Hilda	7.00.....Liberate
7.30.....Lucky Camino	7.30.....Lucky Camino
8.00.Racingbreaks Ryder	8.00.....Exposure
8.30.....Malachy's Wish	8.30.....Cavolo Nero
9.00.....Viviana	9.00.....Santiago Boy

■TIC-TAC: Right-handed Polytrack all-weather course. 1m round with tight turns and a 3f run-in. ■DRAW: None. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): A Balding 98-624, J & T Gosden 69-339, R Varian 64-280, R Beckett 55-316. THIS SEASON: A Balding 14, J Butler 12, J Owen 8. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): D Muscutt 94-1008, D Probert 73-600, B Loughnane 65-411, J Mitchell 60-432. THIS SEASON: B Loughnane 15, L Edmunds 10. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Tide Lines (7.00) & Viviana (9.00). Round trip of 490 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Sakowin (5.58). ■LIVE ON RACING TV

8.00 UNIBET 40,000+ LIVE STREAMED EVENTS HANDICAP (DIV 2) (4); winner £6,281; 1m. (10 runners)

1 (1) 003-811 **RACINGBREAKS RYDER 7 (C,D)** C Hills 6-10-4(5ex) **Jason Watson ●99**
2 (3) 265-743 **EXPOSURE 19 (D)** J & T Gosden 4-10-2 ..... **Benoit Sayette 98**
3 (10) U-33112 **DISTINCT SPIRIT 12 (D)** D & C Kubler 6-10-0 ..... **non-runner 97**
4 (2) **351-15 FIGHT YOUR CORNER 25 (BF,CD)** J Tate 5-9-12 ..**Billy Loughnane 95**
5 (6) **11-5033 ELAN D'OR 13 (CD)** S Williams 3-9-10 ..... **Marco Ghiani 92**
6 (7) 100-950 **HERCULEUS 48 (D)** W Muir & C Grassick 4-9-8..**Lewis Edmunds 85**
7 (4) 181-885 **STARLIGHT TIME 18 (D)** R Varian 3-9-7 ..... **Robbie Downey 87**
8 (5) 2-52429 **LUZON HEIGHTS 40 (D)** W Knight 3-9-4 ..... **Cieren Fallon 89**
9 (8) 9693-1655 **DUBLIN FOX 14 (D)** R Hughes 3-9-2 ..... **Finley Marsh 83**
10 (9) 5573- **DOUBLE EAGLE 314** M Wigham 3-8-5 ..... **John Egan 88**

BETTING: 7-2 Exposure, 4 Racingbreaks Ryder, 11-2 Fight Your Corner, 6 Elan D'or, 15-2 Luzon Heights, 8 Double Eagle, 10 Starlight Time, 12 Herculeus
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: See Div 1.

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RACINGBREAKS RYDER (9-6) 16-1 led 2f out, clear inside final furlong, bt Philanthropist (9-8) 1¹/₄l (11 ran) (Kempton 7f hcap (4) £6,281 AW).
EXPOSURE (9-10) 4-1 led 2f out, headed final furlong, one pace, 3rd of 9 (btn 3¹/₄l) to Nikovo (9-9) (Newmarket 7f rnup (4) £6,442 good).
DISTINCT SPIRIT (10-0) 4-1 midfield, led 1f out, headed final 110yds, no extra, ¹/₂l by Montezin (9-8) (11 ran) (Haydock 7f hcap (5) £4,449 good).
FIGHT YOUR CORNER (9-12) 11-4 fav kept on same pace final furlong, 5th of 12 (btn 4¹/₄l) to Fantastic Fox (9-13) (Newcastle 1m hcap (4) £5,653 AW).
ELAN D'OR (9-10) 5-2 weakened, last of 3 (16l) to Edwin Hubble (9-1) (Sandown 1¹/₄m hcap (4) £6,019 good).
HERCULEUS (10-2) 11-1 weakened, 13th of 14 (19l) to Annastarzy (9-10) (Newbury 7f hcap (4) £7,328 good to firm).
STARLIGHT TIME (9-7) 5-1 in touch, outpaced 2f out, soon beaten, last of 9 (4¹/₂l) to Enticing Feel (9-0) (Lingfield 1¹/₄m hcap (4) £5,653 good to firm).
LUZON HEIGHTS (9-9) 4-1 one pace 1f out, 9th of 11 (btn 13l) to Illy's Roo (9-1) (York 1m hcap (4) £12,885 good).
CAPTAIN FOX (9-8) 12-1 kept on 1f out, 5th of 8 (4¹/₂l) to Victory Ace (9-4) (Kempton 7f hcap (4) £6,281 AW).
DUBLIN EAGLE (9-8) 4-1 in rear, headway 1f out, 3rd final strides, 3rd of 8 (5¹/₄l) to Parisian Scholar (9-4) (Newcastle 1m hcap (5) £3,978 AW).

8.30 UNIBET 40,000+ LIVE STREAMED EVENTS HANDICAP (DIV 3) (4); winner £6,281; 1m. (9 runners)

1 (7) 43-2341 **CAVOLO NERO 70 (D)** H Eustace 4-10-4 ..... **Kaiya Fraser 98**
2 (5) 3-51216 **DUFFY WISH 21 (D)** J Goldie 3-9-11 6ex ..... **Kaiya Fraser 97**
3 (2) 132674 **HELM ROCK 40 (B;CD)** D & C Kubler 8-10-0 .. **Ebrahim Nader 93**
4 (8) 082766 **TALIS EVOLVERE 13 (CD)** R Hannon 6-9-11 ..... **Sean Levey 90**
5 (6) 151 **ROGUE DEFENCE 44 (D)** J Jones 3-9-10 ..... **Billy Loughnane ●99**
6 (1) -161804 **PORT ROAD 11 (CD)** S Dow 5-9-8 ..... **Tyler Heard 92**
7 (3) 181-0 **ROYALE GOODNIGHT 26 (BF)** J Harlton 4-9-6 **Millie Wingrove (7) 89**
8 (9) 3339-00 **WHITE CROWN STAR 23 (C)** I Williams 4-9-4 **Charles Bishop 76**
9 (4) 109-085 **PORT ERIN 51 (CD)** A Carroll 6-9-1 ..... **Jack Doughty 85**

BETTING: 3 Malachy's Wish, Cavolo Nero, 4 Rogue Defence, 15-2 Helm Rock, Talis Evolvere, 10 Royale Goodnight, 16 Port Road, Port Erin, 33 White Crown Star
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: See Div 1.

9.00 UNIBET'S NEW SMARTVIEW RACECARDS HANDICAP (5); 3-y-o; winner £4,187; 7f. (11 runners)

1 (3) 4-32136 **SLACK BOB 44 (D)** E Dunlop 9-9 ..... **Marco Ghiani 97**
2 (5) 75482 **SANTIAGO BOY 9 (B)** C Hills 9-9 ..... **Jason Watson ●99**
3 (9) 447-0 **G'EMMETHEGREENLITE 116** S Spencer 9-6 ..... **Dale Swift 82**
4 (1) -21218 **UNIONVILLE 26** M Attwater 9-6 ..... **William Carson 91**
5 (8) 45-8156 **OBSIDIAN VERSE 33** J Gallagher 9-6 ..... **Callum Shepherd 93**
6 (2) 387-244 **EDUARDO CALDERON 46** H Eustace 9-6 ..... **Kaiya Fraser 96**
7 (4) 383575 **GENEROUS RASCAL 19 (B;C)** D Cunha 9-6 ..... **Rhys Clutterbuck 95**
8 (10) -468154 **STATION BAR 15 (B★)** E J-Houghton 9-5 ..... **Charles Bishop 91**
9 (7) 34-6210 **RAVELLO VOICE 27 (P★,T★)** J Horton 9-4 ..... **Jack Mitchell 93**
10 (6) 334-572 **PIAZZA 15** O Sangster 9-4 ..... **Daniel Muscutt 97**
11 (11) 336542 **VIVIANA 8** C Johnston 9-1 ..... **Billy Loughnane 98**

BETTING: 3 Viviana, 5 Santiago Boy, 6 Piazza, 8 Generous Rascal, Eduardo Calderon
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 abd 2-5 1 2-4
2025: Soldiers Star 9-4 Liam Wright 13-2 (H Palmer) drawn 5, 8 ran.

YOUR QUICK ABC CHECK ON ALL OF TODAY'S RUNNERS:

KEY: C - Carlisle, K - Kempton, S - Sligo, W - Worcester, Y - York

Action 3.35Y
Adba 6.03W
Against The Wind 1.50Y
Agric Ranger 3.48C
Air Force One 1.50Y
Aleatric 2.38C
Alentejo 5.42S
Alfred Wallace 2.25Y
Algaihabane 6.30K
Almaqam 3.35Y
Alpaca's Bullet 5.58K
Alshadhan 5.33W
Aminaty 5.58K
Angelic Melody 2.05C
Another Baar 1.50Y
Antigua 3.00Y
Apollo One 1.50Y
April Diamond 3.13C
Arklan 7.00K
Atreides 8.08W
Avatar Jet 5.30C
Babychino 7.08W
Back In The Bay 8.08W
Bairdin 8.18S
Baker Blue 4.45Y
Bankatary 7.00K
Bannister 7.38W
Barley 5.30C
Barry Fife 8.08W
Beach Ahead 5.58K
Beacon Bypass 6.48S
Bear Lee 5.20Y
Beckon 5.30C
Belladball 5.07S
Betty's Tiara 8.08W
Between Me And U 5.30C
Big Apple Jack 3.48C
Big Cigar 2.25Y
Black Star Boy 4.45Y
Blairtum Night 3.13C
Blue Topaz 6.03W
Blufferonthebus 5.30C
Boatswain 4.10Y
Boskill Borden 7.38W
Bossy Bird 7.18S
Boston Dan 4.45Y
Bound For Glory 7.38W
Bowgate Street 5.42S
Brandenburg 5.20Y
Breakdancer 7.30K
Bright Legend 6.38W
Brooklyn Lullaby 7.38W
Cadillac Ranch 6.38W
Call Margot 4.45Y
Calm Flight Ahead 5.42S
Candy 1.50Y
Captain Corelli 5.30C
Captain Fox 8.00K
Carleys Lilly 5.07S
Carrow Road 6.30K
Cavolo Nero 8.30K
Chapter 7.30K
Chilli 5.58K
Christmas Day 3.00Y
Cinnodin 8.08W
Clash Of Hearts 2.25Y
Clever Court 6.48S
Commander Of Life 4.20C
Confucius 2.25Y
Conor'salwaysright 8.18S
Constitution River 3.35Y
Coolboy Christy 7.18S
Cornmarket 7.48S
Corolla Point 1.50Y
Cosmic Spirit 7.38W
Cotswold Blue 5.07S
Could Be You 7.08W
Count Palatine 4.20C
Crafty Gael 7.38W
Crystabel 7.18S
Crystal Queen 5.20Y
Dancing Symbol 8.18S
Danrana 3.48C
Dapper Valley 1.50Y
Dark Thirty 1.50Y
Darn Hot Gallop 7.30K
Datstheholyallofit 6.03W
Definite Dream 5.33W
Delgany Headline 6.38W
Devil's Advocate 3.35Y
Dexter 5.33W
Diamond New Bay 2.05C
Discrete 6.17S
Distinct Spirit 8.00K
Do Wah Diddy 6.03W
Dolos Dream 4.45Y
Dorans Law 7.48S
Double Eagle 8.00K
Dream Forever 4.55C
Dream Of Albion 5.25K
Dream On Kent 5.58K
Dream Shaper 7.18S
Dreaming Of The Dr 6.03W
Drombane 7.18S
Dubai Bling 1.50Y
Dubai Champion 5.20Y
Duke Of Oxford 4.10Y
Dynamite Defense 7.08W
Eduardo Calderon 9.00K
El Arco 6.48S
Elan D'or 8.00K
Elated 6.03W
Elevating 5.20Y
Ephron 5.30C
Erosandpsyche 1.50Y
Eshowe 7.00K
Evenly 6.03W
Exposure 8.00K
Fantasy Force 5.20Y
Farhh Echo 8.08W
Fate's Gambit 3.13C
Feelin' Free 7.00K
Fight Your Corner 8.00K
Final Entry 8.08W
Fireblade 4.10Y
Firstupsbestdressed 6.48S
Fiskardo 8.08W
Fremantle Doctor 5.42S
Fuel The Jet 2.25Y
G'Emmethegreenlite 9.00K
Galiyan 3.00Y
Generous Rascal 9.00K
Gentle Hurricane 2.25Y
Georginas Jet 6.48S
Getaway Jewel 5.33W
Ghaiyya 4.10Y
Ghost Jury 7.38W
Give Hand 6.30K
Glaoinn An Airgead 6.48S
Go To The Moon 6.17S
God Given Talent 5.20Y
Godsend 6.17S
Gold Hill 7.00K
Gold Star Hero 1.50Y
Golden Strike 4.20C
Gone In Sixty 7.08W
Gortmore Lady 6.48S
Graniteville 5.25K
Granlahan 5.42S
Granny For Sport 5.07S
Green Area 2.38C
Greer Hill 5.33W
Gruncle 8.18S
Guadalevin 2.05C
Hadahi 617S
Haffner 2.25Y
Handmedownastar 6.38W
Hares Bredth 4.55C
Harpy Eagle 7.18S
Harrys Hope 5.02W
Havana Court 5.58K
Havana Prince 4.20C
Havana Sprite 5.20Y
Hawk Mountain 3.35Y
Heathers Feather 4.55C
Helm Rock 8.30K
Henley On Thames 5.20Y
Herculeus 8.00K
Hetty Parker 8.18S
Hey Babbs 7.48S
Hey Havana 3.48C
Hiero Sport 5.33W
High Honour 5.42S
Hob's Angel 6.48S
Hoshi 6.30K
Hostility 3.30C
Hunky Dory 4.20C
Iamcelestialgift 7.08W
Ikigai Star 8.08W
Ilbdare 7.48S
In For The Night 7.18S
In The Breeze 4.10Y
In The Minus 7.18S
Invincible Oscar 5.42S
Iolaos Du Mou 5.33W
Item 3.35Y
Jolly D'olivate 5.07S
Jumeirah Storm 5.20Y
Kaiya Fraser 6.48S
Keep An Eye On It 5.30C
Keep Em Quite 7.48S
Keep Me Posted 5.33W
Kenzo Des Bruyeres 8.08W
Kilmac Ace 4.55C
Kilmeaden 4.10Y
King Of Fury 4.20C
King Roly 5.02W
Kippersandcustard 8.18S
Kirchner 4.10Y
Kisuton Enki 6.17S
Kochella 5.58K
Ladiam 78S
Lady Bee Great 6.03W
Lady Nenaz 6.30K
Lake Como 7.30K
Laska Du Breuil 6.48S
Lazy In Red 2.38C
Lengaruka 6.17S
Lexington Blitz 1.50Y
Liberate 7.00K
Liberty's Hall 6.30K
Likewhatyouosee 6.38W
Lili Marleen 7.30K
Long Shot 3.13C
Lord Bertie 4.20C
Lord Capulet 4.20C
Love Like This 6.48S
Love Between Us 7.48S
Lucky Camino 7.30K
Lucky In Taipan 7.08W
Lucy The Wire 7.00K
Luzon Heights 8.00K
Ma Blushin Rosie 2.05C
Malachy's Wish 8.30K
Maltese Cross 3.00Y
Manatee Mehmas 4.45Y
Mancero 8.08W
Manxman 4.10Y
Matilda Maid 6.03W
Max Time 6.48S
Maximum Velocity 4.55C
Merry 5.25K
Midnight Eagle 7.18S
Midnight Jewel 7.08W
Mighty Magnus 4.45Y
Mile End Road 5.25K
Mindyourheadmike 6.17S
Miss Yechance 4.45Y
Mistral Blue 8.08W
Misunderstood 4.20C
Moonwing 5.07S
Mordor 4.10Y
Mother Ship 6.48S
Mountain Road 4.10Y
Move It On Over 6.48S
Mr Bibbs 7.48S
Mr Mchwinny 5.33W
Mr Professor 7.30K
Mrs Biddle 7.08W
Muskerry Rock 5.02W
Naana's Shadow 4.45Y
Naana's Sparkle 1.50Y
Naia The Lioness 6.03W
Native Instinct 4.20C
Nelliestar 5.07S
Newbrook Diamond 6.38W
Night Wolf 7.30K
No More Pino 5.58K
Northern Tempest 4.55C
Not Now 6.38W
Note To Self 5.20Y
Oasis Cover 4.55C
Obsidian Verse 9.00K
October Hill 8.08W
Oh So Slow Sloth 2.05C
Old Is Gold 4.45Y
Ombudsman 3.35Y
One And Gone 4.45Y
Onehundredneighty 7.38W
Oneinthree 6.38W
Orderly Conduct 8.18S
Our Nicola 3.48C
Palamon 5.02W
Palliser 5.25K
Peace Belle 2.38C
Peaceful Warrior 5.20Y
Pearl Knot 6.03W
Percy's Lad 7.30K
Perfect Heir 6.30K
Perfect Hope 5.58K
Persian Spring 5.20Y
Phantom Gold 6.38W
Phoenix Arizona 6.48S
Piazza 9.00K
Pierre Bonnard 3.00Y
Poatan 4.45Y
Port Erin 8.30K
Port Road 8.30K
Pride Of Arras 3.35Y
Princess Niyla 5.30C
Printing Money 5.58K
Prydwen 4.10Y
Quiet Summer 7.00K
Racingbreaks Ryder 8.00K
Rajawali 3.13C
Ranting And Raven 6.48S
Ravishing Beauty 5.30C
Redbridge Rambler 8.08W
Reenie's Dream 3.13C
Renewable Dream 3.13C
Revival Power 4.45Y
Ride The Thunder 4.10Y
Ringdufferin 7.48S
River Nile 5.25K
Riasthope 5.20Y
Road To Wembley 6.38W
Rogue Defence 8.30K
Royal Rhythm 7.38W
Royale Goodnight 8.30K
Ruler's Pride 5.20Y
Run For Fun 8.18S
Runninnan 3.13C
Sakowin 5.58K
Sallap 7.48S
Santiago Boy 9.00K
Sara's Silver Girl 2.05C
Savage Mariner 5.20Y
Sayidah Bahra 2.05C
Schrodinger's Cat 4.45Y
Searcog 5.07S
Sekakarma 6.48S
Seven Towers 6.17S
Shaddock 6.30K
Shes Got A Brother 4.45Y
Shesonnet 6.38W
Shrimp Shady 4.10Y
Sims' Law 8.08W
Siouxperb 2.25Y
Slack Bob 9.00K
Small Fry 4.10Y
Smugglers Haven 5.02W
Son 4.20C
Sonic Angel 6.30K
Sovereign Glory 5.20Y
Spareapenny 5.25K
Sparkling Water 6.03W
Spartan Arrow 1.50Y
Square D'alboni 6.38W
St Hilda 7.00K
Stardom Glory 2.25Y
Stargazed 4.45Y
Starlight Time 8.00K
Starshine Legend 7.08W
Station Bar 9.00K
Stiletto 8.08W
Stoneywell 3.48C
Stormy Impact 1.50Y
Stratusnine 1.50Y
Strong Contender 7.48S
Strong Voice 9.00K
Stytch 6.30K
Sue's Last Chance 5.20Y
Super Tuscan 5.20Y
Superior Choice 3.00Y
Supreme Dancer 3.48C
Sweet Honey B 6.03W
Tago Mago 3.48C
Take The Boat 6.03W
Talis Evolvere 8.30K
Tangara Bay 7.18S
Tango Theatre 7.48S
Tasmanian Girl 5.42S
Team Player 4.10Y
Ten Year Stretch 5.58K
The Dancing Pope 5.20Y
The Great Escape 8.08W
The Kalonji Man 5.58K
The Little Yank 7.48S
The Man 1.50Y
Thunder Home 6.30K
Tide Lines 7.00K
Time To Climb 6.30K
Toca Madera 1.50Y
Tomas O Maille 5.42S
Towelontetrace 5.20Y
Toytomi 1.50Y
Tradonthebay 5.42S
Trean 2.25Y
Trefor 1.50Y
Tricky Tel 4.45Y
Tubberlinn Lassie 5.07S
Turpin Gold 5.33W
Uncle Zello 6.30K
Underdog 5.20Y
Underwriter 4.45Y
Unionville 9.00K
Uniter 3.48C
Urban Park 5.42S
Usyk 7.38W
Valedictory 410Y
Vega King 2.25Y
Victory Ace 7.30K
Vince Lombardi 4.20C
Vincenzo Bellini 5.25K
Viviana 9.00K
Warner's Cross 7.08W
West Acre 1.50Y
Westender 7.00K
Westminster Moon 4.10Y
Whinny Houston 6.03W
White Crown Star 8.30K
Why Because 3.13C
Wild Mandate 6.48S
William F Browne 5.42S
Wings Of Africa 5.42S
Withtearsinmyeyes 5.25K
Wreck It Ronnie 7.00K
Yellow Diamonds 4.55C
Yes Day 5.02W
Zain Primus 4.45Y
Zaydann 3.35Y
Ziggy's Triton 1.50Y
Zous Juice 3.13C

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5.02 HANDICAP CHASE (Class 4); winner £4,700; 2m 7f. (6 runners)

1 F-12 **SMUGGLERS HAVEN 43 (BF)** S Bradstock 7-11-12 **Miss L Bradstock (7)**
2 63-5 **PLANMON 24** D Skelton 6-11-12 ..... **T Durrell**
3 1221 **MUSKERRY ROCK 37 (B;D)** D Skelton 7-11-12 **H Skelton**
4 -P29 **KING ROLY 32 (B★)** M Bowen 7-11-11 ..... **J Bowen**
5 0-24 **HARRYS HOPE 28 (P★;D)** B Pauling 8-11-3 ..... **B Jones**
6 -232 **YES DAY 32 (B)** J & A O'Neill 8-11-2 ..... **B Macey (5)**

Muskerry Rock ●99, Harrys Hope 96, Smugglers Haven 95.
11-8 Muskerry Rock, 4 Smugglers Haven, 11-2 Harrys Hope, 6 King Roly, 7 Palamon, 8 Yes Day

5.33 HANDICAP CHASE (5); winner £3,248; 2m 110yds. (10 runners)

1 0-34 **TURPIN GOLD 49** T Lacey 10-12-0 ..... **S Sheppard**
2 -245 **DEFINITE DREAM 38** D Coakley 8-11-12 ..... **B Powell**
3 -340 **ALSHADHAN 26 (P★;D)** O Greenall & J Guerriero 6-11-10 **J Tudor**
4 -663 **IOLAOS DU MOU 26 (H)** T Culhane & S Barclay 8-11-6 **T Worsley**
5 -464 **DEXTER 32 (D)** O Greenall & J Guerriero 9-11-5 ..... **T Wynne**
6 8153 **GREER HILL 28 (CD)** J Candlish 5-11-3 **W Shanahan (5)**
7 31-3 **HIERO SPORT 87 (H;BF)** A Hales 9-10-13 ..... **K Woods**
8 -141 **MR MCWHINNY 32 (D)** T Ellis 8-10-11 ..... **J Andrews**
9 **P65 KEEP ME POSTED 34 (P★)** M Sheppard 9-10-6 **A Sheppard (7)**
10 2322 **GETAWAY JEWEL 32 (D)** M Hammond 12-10-4 **B Hughes**

Turpin Gold ●99, Mr Mchwinny 98, Definite Dream 96.
10-3 Mr Mcwhinny, 9-2 Iolaos Du Mou, 5 Turpin Gold, 7 Getaway Jewel, 8 Definite Dream, 10 Hiero Sport, Alshadhan, Greer Hill

6.03 MARES MAIDEN HURDLE (4); winner £5,446; 2m. (15 runners)

1 41P- **BLUE TOPAZ 279** F O'Brien 6-11-7 ..... **J Hogan**
2 44-1 **DATSTHEHOLYALLOFIT 105 (D)** P Neville 5-11-7 **B Hughes**
3 29/8 **DO WAH DIDDY 36** W Twiston-Davies 5-11-7 **A Jarrett (7)**
4 7-46 **DREAMING OF THE DR 26 (H)** R Newland 5-11-7 **L Scott (3)**
5 -332 **ELATED 47** B Pauling 5-11-7 ..... **B Jones**
6 6 **EVENLY 69** D McCain 5-11-7 ..... **T Gillard**
7 3-1 **BOSSY BIRD 21** M Sheppard 7-11-7 **S Sheehan (3)**
8 22P/ **NALA THE LIONESS F36 (T★)** D Killahee & G McPherson 6-11-7 **N Slatter (3)**
9 42-1 **SPARKLING WATER 26 (H;D)** D Skelton 5-11-7 **H Skelton**
10 /56- **SWEET HONEY B 219** C Boultbee-Brooks 8-11-7 **R McLernon**
11 P0- **WHINNY HOUSTON 420** S Lewis 5-11-7 ..... **S Houlihan**
12 0 **MATILDA MAID 69** S Bradstock 4-11-4 **Mr D Williams (7)**
13 U58 **PEARL KNOT 26** O Greenall & J Guerriero 4-11-4 **T Wynne**
14 233 **TAKE THE BOAT 31** G Nicholls 4-11-4 ..... **H Bannister**
15 6 **ADBA 24** F Bramley 3-10-2 ..... **H Kimber**

Sparkling Water ●99, Datstheholyallofit 97, Elated 93.
9-4 Sparkling Water, 4 Datstheholyallofit, 7 Elated, 8 Take The Boat

6.38 NOVICE HURDLE (4); winner £5,446; 2m 4f. (12 runners)

1 3-11 **NEWBROOK DIAMOND 32 (B;D)** G Elliott (Ire) 6-11-12. **S Bowen**
2 21- **ROAD TO WEMBLEY 98 (T★)** W Knight 5-11-12 **M Keighley (7)**
3 7-11 **SQUARE D'ALBONI 34 (C)** D Skelton 4-11-8 **H Skelton**
4 1-05 **BRIGHT LEGEND 24 (D)** F Bramley 6-11-7 **J O'Neill (7)**
5 32-1 **HANDMEDOWNASTAR 87** N Schoffield 6-11-7 **H Cobden**
6 -221 **ONEINTHREE 34** J Owen 5-11-7 ..... **J Powell (5)**
7 4221 **PHANTOM GOLD 34 (CD)** T Ellis 8-11-7 ..... **J Andrews**
8 **PPP- CADILLAC RANCH 135** L Morgan 6-11-0 **Miss E Callwood (7)**
9 30-3 **NOT NOW 52** N & W Twiston-Davies 5-11-0 **S Twiston-Davies**
10 P532 **SHESONNET 34** B Case 5-11-0 ..... **T Bannister**
11 8-9 **DELGANY HEADLINE 28** D Skelton 4-10-10 ... **T Durrell**
12 212 **LIKEWHATYOUSEE 26** J & A O'Neill 4-10-10 **R McLernon**

Newbrook Diamond ●99, Square D'alboni 98, Road To Wembley 98.
3 Road To Wembley, 10-3 Newbrook Diamond, 5 Square D'alboni, 15-2 Handmedownastar, 8 Likewhatyousee, 10 Oneinthewell

7.08 HANDICAP HURDLE (5); winner £3,248; 2m 4f. (10 runners)

1 357 **STARSHINE LEGEND 28 (P★)** O Murphy 5-12-0 **S Bowen**
2 P5- **MRS BIDDLE 284** N Mulholland 8-11-6 ..... **H Cobden**
3 025- **MRS BIDDLE 284** K Mulholland 8-11-6 ..... **H Cobden**
4 P-69 **IAMCELESTIALGIFT 40 (B★)** D Killahene & G McPherson 8-11-4 **N Slatter (3)**
5 P53 **WINNERSTY 24 (H;D)** S Lewis 9-11-2 ..... **H Reed**
6 F243 **GONE IN SIXTY 28 (D)** A Hales 9-10-12 ..... **K Woods**
7 0P9- **COULD BE YOU 120** N Mulholland 6-10-10 **B Harris (3)**
8 -8U3 **DYNAMITE DEFENSE 49** S Dows 5-10-8 ..... **J Best**
9 P532 **BARRYNOO 34** J Gibbons 4-10-4 ..... **Ms S Carter (7)**
10 60-6 **LUCKY IN TAIPAN 38** B Pauling 6-

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TEMPLEGATE	TOM PEPPER
2.05.....Guadalevin	2.05.... Diamond New Bay
2.38.....Green Area	2.38.....Peace Belle
3.13.....Reenie's Dream	3.13.....Why Because
3.48.....Hey Havana	3.48.....Big Apple Jack
4.20.....Native Instinct	4.20.....Misunderstood
4.55.....Yellow Diamonds	4.55... Maximum Velocity
5.30..... Keep An Eye On It	5.30..... Keep An Eye On It

■TIC-TAC: R-H undulating pear-shaped course of 1m 5f with testing uphill finish. ■DRAW: Low have advantage in races up to a mile. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): T Easterby 29-347, K R Burke 26-114, K Ryan 17-102. THIS SEASON: I Jardine 6, D O'Meara 6. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): P Mulrennan 19-168, S James 16-105. THIS SEASON: M Winn 6. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Aleatrix (2.38) trained at Kimpton Down. Round trip of 628 miles. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

2.05 NXT BIG THING FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (Class 4); 2-y-o; winner £5,400; 6f. (7 runners)

1 (3) **ANGELIC MELODY** J Camacho 9-2 ..... **Ryan Sexton —**
2 (5) 4 **DIAMOND NEW BAY 26 (BF)** K R Burke 9-2 ..... **Sam James 95**
3 (6) 3246 **GUADALEVIN 27** C Fellowes 9-2 ..... **Paddy Bradley ●99**
4 (4) **MA BLUSHIN ROSIE** A Keatley 9-2 ..... **Barry McHugh —**
5 (7) 65 **OH SO SLOW SLOTH 9 (H)** R Menzies 9-2 ..... **David Allan 84**
6 (1) 54 **SARA'S SILVER GIRL 28** M & D Easterby 9-2 ..... **Billy Garritty 86**
7 (2) **SAYIDAH BAHRA** K Ryan 9-2 ..... **Tom Eaves —**

BETTING: 2 Guadalevin, 5-2 Diamond New Bay, 4 Sayidah Bahra, 7 Sara's Silver Girl
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2
2025: March Ahead 9-2 S A Gray 16-1 (K Ryan) drawn 4, 7 ran.

2.38 KINGMOOR PARK PROPERTIES FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (3); winner £6,480; 1m 3f. (4 runners)

1 (2) **44 PEACE BELLE 39** J Candlish 5-9-10 ..... **Andrew Mullen ●99**
2 (4) 12 **ALEATRIX 19 (BF)** R Beckett 3-9-9 ..... **non-runner 98**
3 (3) 33 **GREEN AREA 54** C Johnston 3-9-2 ..... **Connor Beasley 96**
4 (1) **LAZY IN RED** D Whillans 3-9-2 ..... **Oisin McSweeney —**

BETTING: Evens Peace Belle, 5-2 Green Area, 12 Lazy In Red
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

3.13 HARRY DOYLE MEMORIAL MAIDEN HANDICAP (DIV 1) (6); winner £3,402; 7f. (10 runners)

1 (1) **45**-6475 **WHY BECAUSE 19 (H)** P Midgley 4-9-12 ..... **David Nolan 93**
2 (9) 3390-98 **RENEWABLE DREAM 32** J Wainwright 4-9-11 ..... **Gianluca Sanna (5) 84**
3 (3) **50-9948 REENIE'S DREAM 113** B Smart 4-9-7 ..... **Paul Mulrennan 88**
4 (8) 5355093 **FATE'S GAMBIT 26** R Carr 3-9-7 ..... **James Sullivan ●99**
5 (10) 6/94-90 **ZOUS JUICE 60** M & D Easterby 5-9-6 ..... **Billy Garritty 83**
6 (7) 8-64 **BLAIRTUM NIGHT 34** L Perratt 4-9-5 ..... **David Allan 90**
7 (6) 765206 **APRIL DIAMOND 19** I Jardine 5-9-4 ..... **Andrew Mullen 96**
8 (2) 8750607 **RAJAWAIL 8 (B)** B Rothwell 6-8-12 ..... **Faye McManoman 84**
9 (4) 8242404 **LONG SHOT 19** T Easterby 3-8-9 ..... **Oisin McSweeney 97**
10 (5) -368740 **RUNNINMAN 19** D Whillans 3-8-7 ..... **Aiden Brookes 92**

BETTING: 9-2 Long Shot, 11-2 Reenie's Dream, 13-2 Why Because, 8 Fate's Gambit
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 5 0 4
2025: Believe In Lies 4-9-13 David Nolan 15-2 (D & N Barron) drawn 7, 9 ran.

3.48 HARRY DOYLE MEMORIAL MAIDEN HANDICAP (DIV 2) (6); winner £3,402; 7f. (9 runners)

1 (9) 8-97780 **STONEYWELL 9 (H)** Steph Hollinshead 4-9-12 ..... **Tom Eaves 86**
2 (5) -284254 **BIG APPLE JACK 3** M & D Easterby 4-9-9 ..... **Billy Garritty 94**
3 (3) 5-867P8 **UNITER 19** D Coakley 3-9-7 ..... **Sam James 87**
4 (1) 48-05 **DANRANA 18 (H)** F McSharry 3-9-6 ..... **Harry Russell 90**
5 (7) 3-25252 **HEY HAVANA 16 (V★)** G Harker 3-9-5 ..... **Connor Beasley ●99**
6 (8) 3-876 **TAGO MAGO 16** S England 3-9-5 ..... **Shane Gray 91**
7 (2) 557-282 **SUPREME DANCER 30** R & P Fahey 3-9-4 ..... **Ethan Tindall (5) 97**
8 (6) 5380-05 **OUR NICOLA 218** D & N Barron 4-8-12 ..... **William Pye 84**
9 (4) 547570 **AGRIC RANGER 12 (P★)** T Easterby 3-8-9 ..... **Oisin McSweeney 90**

BETTING: 9-4 Hey Havana, 5 Big Apple Jack, Supreme Dancer, Danrana, 10 Uniter
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED & 2025: See Division 1.

4.20 DAVID ALLEN IT SOLUTIONS HANDICAP (4) winner £5,496; 7f (12 runners)

1 551863 **HUNKY DORY 20**
(6) L Perratt 4-9-9 ..... **Paddy Bradley 91**
Runs: 18 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 6 £21,575
First go for yard, looks high enough in weights for now, market check

2 576774 **MISUNDERSTOOD 12 (H;D)**
(11) D O'Meara 4-9-8 ..... **Paul Mulrennan 95**
Runs: 15 Wins: 2 (S,G) Places: 1 £115,148
Bit better last twice, handicapper helping, capable of getting in mix

3 654711 **KING OF FURY 23 (D)**
(5) M Dods 6-9-8 ..... **Connor Beasley 97**
Runs: 28 Wins: 5 (5A) Places: 8 £41,903
Two cosy wins at Southwell, this different test, big threat if in same form

4 -00306 **COUNT PALATINE 11 (CD)**
(8) M Dods 5-9-7 ..... **Sean Kirrane 93**
Runs: 31 Wins: 4 (S,F,GS,G) Places: 7 £34,162
Best run came here in May, better than bare result latest, sneaky one

5 355421 **COMMANDER OF LIFE 27 (D)**
(10) J Macey 5-9-7 ..... **Ryan Kavanagh (3) ●99**
Runs: 44 Wins: 5 (F,3A,G) Places: 15 £67,675
Backed at Donny and won well enough, up 5lb, repeat and go close

6 -60069 **LORD BERTIE 26 (H;D)**
(12) D O'Meara 6-9-7 ..... **Mark Winn 88**
Runs: 28 Wins: 4 (3S,GS) Places: 4 £39,476
Struggled much of this year, glimpses at times but hard to trust here

7 973406 **SON 25 (BF,D)**
(4) T Easterby 5-9-6 ..... **David Allan 90**
Runs: 24 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 3 £37,819
Sent off jolly at Donny last time, handy mark, not much to shout about

8 56-261 **NATIVE INSTINCT 50 (D)**
(2) E Bethell 4-9-5 ..... **Sam James 98**
Runs: 13 Wins: 2 (S,G) Places: 3 £17,356
Yard is flying, easy win at Musselburgh, high on list, 3lb rise genrous

9 011236 **LORD CAPULET 41 (D)**
(3) K Ryan 4-9-5 ..... **Tom Eaves 92**
Runs: 18 Wins: 5 (4A,G) Places: 3 £26,673
Still 6lb above last win, beaten fair and square latest, e-way at best

10 6-3100 **HAVANA PRINCE 88 (D)**
(9) T Coyle & K Wood 5-9-4 .. **David Nolan 87**
Runs: 31 Wins: 7 (2A,5G) Places: 4 £54,722
Two shockers at York, mixed bag, best recent form all on the AW, risky

11 220175 **GOLDEN STRIKE 26 (V;D)**
(7) R & P Fahey 5-9-3 .... **Ethan Tindall (5) 94**
Runs: 17 Wins: 4 (S,A,2G) Places: 3 £37,373
Solid form since flop at Doncaster, this easier than York tasks, threat

12 225-10 **VINCE LOMBARDI 189 (C,D)**
(1) S Spencer 7-9-1 ..... **Shay Farmer (5) 87**
Runs: 39 Wins: 6 (S,3A,2G) Places: 7 £45,046
Too bad to be true at Southwell back in Feb, off since, hard to trust

BETTING: 7-2 Native Instinct, 5 Commander Of Life, 6 King Of Fury, 13-2 Misunderstood, 8 Hunky Dory, 10 Son, 12 Golden Strike
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 6 3 5
2025: Count Palatine 4-9-4, S Kirrane 11-2 (M Dods), drw 7, 7 ran.

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HUNKY DORY (9-2) 11-4 mid-division, pushed along and headway 2f out, not quite pace to challenge, 3rd of 11 (btn 1l) to Mission Command (8-13) (W'hampton 6f claim (6) £3,564 AW).
MISUNDERSTOOD (9-11) 4-1 rear, going okay 2f out, not clear run, ridden final furlong, 4th of 11 (btn 4¼l) to Jonny Concrete (9-9) (Musselburgh 7f hcap (4) £7,851 good).
KING OF FURY (9-9) 12-1 prominent, driven 2f out, led 2f out, ridden 1f out and faced strong challenges, battled gamely, bt Korbut (8-11) nk (10 ran) (Southwell 7f hcap (4) £5,234 AW).
COUNT PALATINE (9-3) 25-1 midfield, ridden 3f out, no impression 2f out, kept on final 110yds, nearest finish, 6th of 10 (btn 3l) to Theoryofeverything (9-11) (Ayr 1m hcap (4) £5,234 good).
COMMANDER OF LIFE (9-9) 7-4 fav rear, rapid headway final furlong, led final 110yds, ran on well, bt Farandaway (9-9) 1¼l (6 ran) (Doncaster 7f hcap (5) £4,397 good to firm).
GOLDEN STRIKE (9-4) 11-2 front mid-division, pushed along 2f out, kept on but not quite pace to challenge, 5th of 18 (btn 1l) to Jonny Concrete (9-3) **MISUNDERSTOOD** (9-10) 12-1 chased leaders, ridden 2f out, no extra well inside final furlong, 7th (btn 1¼l) **LORD BERTIE** (9-4) 20-1 slowly away, towards rear, pushed along over 2f out, stayed on, never on terms, 9th (btn 2¼l) (18 ran) (York 7f hcap (4) £12,885 good to firm).
SON (9-9) 4-1 fav in touch, pushed along 3f out, kept on same pace inside final furlong, 6th of 15 (btn 2¼l) to Dwindling Funds (9-6) (York 1m hcap (4) £12,885 good to firm).
NATIVE INSTINCT (9-2) 5-2 made all, pushed along 2f out, ridden 1f out, ran on and asserted final 110yds, readily, bt Diamond Katie (9-3) 1¼l
SON (9-10) 7-4 fav rear, ridden final furlong, short of room finish, never recovered, 4th of 7 (½l) (8 ran) (Musselburgh 7f hcap (4) £5,234 good).
LORD CAPULET (9-7) 20-1 led, ridden 2f out, headed over 1f out, weakened final furlong, 6th of 10 (btn 5¼l) to Return Of The Gods (9-4) (Doncaster 7f hcap (4) £5,653 good to firm).
GOLDEN STRIKE (9-1) 11-1 mid-division, improved 2f out, pressed leader 1f out, ran on well to lead closing stages, bt Signcastle City (9-2) ¾l **COMMANDER OF LIFE** (9-2) 18-1 mid-division, pushed along over 2f out, ridden 1f out, kept on, no impression final 110yds, 5th (btn 2l) **HAVANA PRINCE** (9-5) 22-1 close up, led 2f out, ridden 2f out, headed final furlong, 14th (btn 7¾l) (22 ran) (York 7f hcap (4) £12,885 good).
VINCE LOMBARDI (9-6) 12-1 handy, ridden 2f out, tired, 10th of 11 (btn 7¾l) to Thankuappreciate (8-12) (Southwell 6f hcap (5) £3,716 AW).

4.55 ARMSTRONG WATSON HANDICAP (6); 3-y-o; value to the winner £4,187; 6f. (8 runners)

1 (5) 2019325 **MAXIMUM VELOCITY 12** N Tinkler 9-9 ..... **Alex Jary (3) 95**
2 (8) -044452 **YELLOW DIAMONDS 12** J Camacho 9-8 ..... **Ryan Sexton ●99**
3 (3) 0436 **KILMAC AIR 77** J & S Quinn 9-2 ..... **Dougie Costello 94**
4 (7) -302875 **OASIS COVER 8** M Hammond 9-2 ..... **Aiden Brookes 90**
5 (6) -437176 **HARES BREDTH 18 (D)** T Easterby 9-0 ..... **David Allan 95**
6 (4) 6468 **HEATHERS FEATHER 19** T Waggott 8-13 ..... **Barry McHugh 87**
7 (1) -083465 **NORTHERN TEMPEST 44** M Dods 8-12 ..... **Connor Beasley 92**
8 (2) 8-24000 **DREAM FOREVER 90 (B★)** J O'Keeffe 8-4 ..... **James Sullivan 83**

BETTING: 2 Yellow Diamonds, 4 Maximum Velocity, 9-2 Kilmac Air, 6 Hares Breath
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED & 2026: No corresponding race.

5.30 KNIGHTS HANDICAP (5) value to the winner £4,187; 1m (11 runners)

1 6-6711 **BETWEEN ME AND U 20 (D)**
(6) M Herrington 5-10-2 ..... **David Allan 98**
Runs: 25 Wins: 4 (3A,GS) Places: 5 £25,366
Into Class 5 after two easy wins, 7lb rise, has to prove as good on turf

2 233324 **BARLEY 4 (CD)**
(8) T Easterby 7-10-1 ..... **Sean Kirrane 96**
Runs: 54 Wins: 3 (2F,GS) Places: 17 £94,977
Mr Consistent this season, due win, good record here, makes shortlist

3 4-5231 **KEEP AN EYE ON IT 9 (D)**
(11) T Coyle & K Wood 3-9-13(6lbex) **David Nolan ●99**
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (GS) Places: 2 £9,237
Handicapper not taken chance with 6lb hike, draw could be kinder

4 /01347 **AVATAR JET 27 (D)**
(2) D Carroll 5-9-12 ..... **Zak Wheatley 92**
Runs: 17 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 3 £16,922
Patchy form this season, needs best but not guaranteed, e-way sniff

5 972151 **HOSTILITY 8 (CD)**
(7) D O'Meara 4-9-11 ... **Conor Whiteley (5) 97**
Runs: 20 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 9 £26,106
Backed into 2-1 here latest and won cosily, won here June too, player

6 -15271 **EPHRON 18 (D)**
(10) G Tutty 3-9-10 ..... **Connor Beasley 96**
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 1 £10,076
Deserved win last time, 3lb rise not harsh, contender again with best

7 871334 **RAVISHING BEAUTY 13 (V★;CD)**
(4) J O'Keeffe 5-9-10 ..... **Jack Garritty 93**
Runs: 24 Wins: 3 (S,2G) Places: 4 £23,600
Visor goes on after string of places, last win was here on soft, sniff

8 463293 **BLUFFERONTHEBUS 47 (CD)**
(1) C Lidster 5-9-8 ..... **Sam James 84**
Runs: 44 Wins: 6 (4S,F,A) Places: 11 £52,875
Held in a seller last time, not found feet for a while, others stronger

9 31-639 **BECKON 9 (D)**
(3) S Corbett 3-9-6 ..... **Tom Eaves 86**
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 1 £6,945
Shocker at Ayr last time, too early to go cold on but needs lots more

10 356537 **PRINCESS NIYLA 7 (D)**
(9) A Brown 6-9-6 ..... **Paul Mulrennan 88**
Runs: 41 Wins: 3 (F,2G) Places: 10 £34,983
Too keen at Beverley latest when running a shocker, solid before that

11 65900- **CAPTAIN CORELLI 272 (CD)**
(5) J Camacho 9-9-4 . **Tom Kiely-Marshall (5) 81**
Runs: 40 Wins: 7 (4F,3G) Places: 6 £35,721
Form fell off a cliff last season, would be huge turnaround, very risky

BETTING: 10-3 Between Me And U, 4 Keep An Eye On It, 5 Hostility, 6 Ephron, 8 Barley, 10 Avatar Jet, Ravishing Beauty
WHERE FAVS FINISHED & 2025: No corresponding race.

DOG TIPS AND RETURNS

SELECTIONS

■**MONMORE: 11.03 Longacres Senna (3-2-1) 11.19 Swift Jolly (5-4-2) 11.36 Highway Blue (nap) (6-4-2) 11.52 Union Raider (3-1-6) 12.09 Droopys Vanity (nb) (6-1-2) 12.26 Bluey Hills (1-5-6) 12.42 Millview Mags (3-1-4) 12.59 Westway Kai (2-3-1) 1.16 Elderberry Bingo (6-5-3) 1.31 Aero Euphoria (1-6-2) 1.46 Elderberry Misty (5-1-2) 2.04 Bloos Ladysandra (6-2-3)**
■**NOTTINGHAM: 11.25 Newland Bear (3-4-1) 11.41 Westfield Tigris (1-5-3) 11.58 Bobsleigh Act (5-2-4) 12.14 Sonic Reindeer (4-6-2) 12.31 Jager Bren (2-1-4) 12.48 Tromora Jenny (2-3-1) 1.06 No Luck (2-3-5) 1.21 Greybie (nap) (6-2-4) 1.36 Swift Lama (4-2-3) 1.52 Platinum Bea (nb) (2-3-5) 2.09 Hobnot Molly (6-4-1)**
■**NEWCASTLE: 2.29 Jackos Cody (1-5-3) 2.48 Solway Ernie (6-1-2) 3.07 Highview Cutie (nap) (1-3-4) 3.26 Texas Bonnie (1-2-4) 3.44 Midtown Romeo (2-4-3) 4.03 Canny Orla (nb) (5-6-4) 4.22 Crooks Peaky (3-4-5) 4.41 Swift Table (6-5-4) 4.59 Solway Leo (3-1-2) 5.18 Crooks Willow (3-2-1) 5.37 Churro (2-3-4) 5.56 Whitehills Logan (3-2-4)**

RETURNS

■**SHEFFIELD: 11.01 Dip Yer Bread 7-2 (2-4-6 BAGS F £24.55). 11.18 Russanda Penny 9-4 (6-1-2 £16.62 TC £53.26). 11.34 Be My Lass 9-4f (1-4-2 £9.63). 11.52 Mistley Memory 13-8f (1-3-2 £11.55 TC £59.26). 12.09 Cloondarone Ken Evensf (2-6-5 £4.28). 12.26 Glenvale Sean 8-13f (3-1-2 £4.83). 12.42 Sunline Eabha 4-1 (6-4-5 £11.50 TC £46.25). 12.59 Coonough Poppy 11-10f (6-1-2 £8.14). 1.17 Notsofasttoddy 12-1 (6-1-4 £54.63 TC £166.07). 1.33 Drumdoit Onana 4-7f (6-3-1 £2.19). 1.51 Wholovesyo 11-10f (2-1-6 £9.57). 2.07 Diamond Santa 5-2f (1-2-4 £12.06).**
■**NEWCASTLE: 11.09 Bramble Cat 9-2 (2-4-1 BAGS F £13.64 TC £34.32). 11.27 Megans Angel 9-2 (4-6-2 £26.31 TC £45.73). 11.43 Sunfire Sing 4-1 (5-6-1 £22.93 TC £38.47). 12.01 Vinny Chase 6-1 (5-1-3 £33.97 TC £85.63). 12.18 Romeo Bro 10-11f (4-6-1 £6.62 TC £19.74). 12.34 Fire Height Cora 9-2 (5-6-4 £17.50 TC £49.73). 12.51 Abbeyside Enda 7-2 (2-3-6 £22.08). 1.08 Whitehills Wendy 6-1 (3-5-2 £185.83). 1.26 Mongys Sapphire 5-1 (1-6-3 £29.57 TC £99.21). 1.42 Five Alley Macy 9-1 (5-2-6 £39.36). 1.59 Hazelhill Blue 2-1f (6-2-5 £21.06 TC £126.86). 2.14 Swift King 7-4f (3-6-5 £11.14).**
■**MONMORE: 2.31 Flying Calvn 5-1 (3-5-2 BAGS F £22.90). 2.49 Crafty Techno 2-1f (4-2-1 £21.51 TC £61.54). 3.09 Lady Luck 15-8f (2-6-4 £19.10 TC £56.92). 3.27 Greenmount Hawk 7-2 (6-3-2 £9.76). 3.47 Foxy Loxy 3-1 (6-3-1 £22.43 TC £57.76). 4.04 Swift Swan 7-2 (3-2-4 £14 TC £39.94). 4.24 Whyaye Dubai 5-1 (4-2-5 £24.32 TC £95.76). 4.42 Tommys Prosecco 7-1 (4-3-6 £34.19).**

THE EYE CATCHER

WELCOME back to this weekly column by TEMPLEGATE (Steve Mullen) where he pinpoints horses to follow from the past week or two and takes a first look at big races to come. Let's give the bookies a right good kicking!

KING HIGH (Newbury, Friday)

OWEN BURROWS (*right*) has a nice prospect on his hands in this son of Kingman who took a step forward from his decent debut at Sandown to get off the mark. He enjoyed stepping up to a mile and there's a lot more to come around this trip. He could rate higher this season but should come into his own as he matures. His dam produced the top-class Running Lion which bodes well for being a Pattern performer in time.

EFSIXTEEN (Newbury, Friday)

CONNECTIONS have high hopes for this filly who has an entry in the Cheveley Park Stakes later this year. That may be a bit fanciful but she's shown enough on two runs to be paying her way. She won on debut at Newmarket in May and we didn't see her until last Friday where she looked a bit rusty. A wide run wasn't ideal but she was far from disgraced in this Listed level under Tom Marquand (*left*). She should be able to build on this promising effort.

SCOVILLE (Newbury, Saturday)

WILLIAM HAGGAS's son of Too Darn Hot could be forgiven for not knowing whether he's coming or going given the tactics of his past few runs. After being up with the pace this season, he was suddenly dropped in trip and held up when you would think making it a test of stamina would suit him better. Either way it wasn't a shock to see him take a little while to pick up from out the back – by which time the leaders had gone too far away from him. He ran on nicely and a more prominent effort over this trip or going back to a mile should pay dividends soon.

FIRE THUNDER (Newmarket, Saturday)

MARCO BOTTI's (*right*) youngster won't have to wait long for a nursery win judged on this narrow defeat. She'd have won in another stride and relished going up to 7f. Hopefully she won't go up much from her mark of 69 for this.

THE Ebor has become a benefit for Irish trainers with six of the past 10 going their way — with jumps trainers doing particularly well.

Two of the past three have gone the way of Willie Mullins and he has a strong hand again with four horses likely to make the final cut — Gaucher, Columbus, Mr Hollywood and Love Me Tender who needs five to come out.

The betting makes Mr Hollywood the likeliest at 10-1 but he'd need a bit more rain than the forecast shows. Gaucher was no better than okay in a Leopardstown Group 3 earlier this month and is another who likes cut. Love Me Tender is likely to get in and has run just three times overseas so has lots of untapped potential.

COLUMBUS is the member of the Mullins team I like best. He's got Group 1 form on the level in Germany and impressed over hurdles at Galway last time. The general 16-1 looks a good each-way bet.

THE FIRST LOOK — my antepost angle

COLUMBUS 16-1 e-way Ebor, York Saturday

RACING RESULTS

CHEPSTOW
Going: Good to firm

2.15: 1 HOPE RISING R Hornby (1-16 fav); **2 Sneaky Blinder** (6-1); 2 ran. 2¼l. J Snowden. T: £1.10;

2.45: 1 IMPULSIVE SPIRIT R Hornby (14-1); **2 Kokumi** (11-1); **3 Soeur De Flash** (2-1 jtfav). 8 ran (Delighfully Hot 2-1 jtfav). nk; 1¼l. P Evans. T: £18.30; £4, £2.70, £1.10. Ex: £162. Trifecta: £668.30. CF: £159.75.

3.15: 1 AVIONICS T Marquand (13-2); **2 Grove Street** (2-5 fav); **3 Talamon** (11-1). 5 ran. nk; 5¼l. A Balding. T: £7.50; £2.30, £1.10. Ex: £12.40. Trifecta: £30.80. CF: £9.81. NR: Highland Frost.

3.50: 1 RATING Rossa Ryan (7-2); **2 Risen Again** (17-2); **3 Scarfo** (7-1). 8 ran (Law Of Design 11-4 fav). 1¼l; 1¼l. G Harris. T: £4.50; £1.20, £2.20, £2.70. Ex: £20.60. Tricast: £200.97. Trifecta: £111.20. CF: £33.87.

4.25: 1 TOO MUCH TREVOR Ashley Lewis (9-1); **2 Von Trotter** (11-4 fav); **3 Espona Bay** (7-2). 7 ran. nk; 2l. G Harris. T: £12.70; £3.70, £1.70. Ex: £38.30. Trifecta: £157.20. CF: £35.22.

5.00: 1 ARNAZ B Loughnane (6-5 fav); **2 Some Nightmare** (11-1); **3 Connie's Rose** (5-1). 10 ran. 4l; 3¼l. M Loughnane. T: £2.20; £1.10, £2.80, £1.70. Ex: £15.70. Tricast: £53.76. Trifecta: £64.10. CF: £16.82.
PLACEPOT: £23.40
QUADPOT: £9.50

LINGFIELD
Going: Standard

2.30: 1 DIAMOND BAY Mr Henry Callan (9-4); **2 Benvoy** (20-1); **3 Beaune** (12-1). 7 ran (Circuit Breaker evens fav). 1l; 2¾l. T Ward. T: £3.40; £1.60, £6.30. Ex: £33.20. Tricast: £447.91. Trifecta: £266.70. CF: £43.49. NR: Wise Counsellor.

3.00: 1 MUSICAL FORCE D Probert (13-2); **2 Romotoso** (8-11 fav); **3 Enriched** (11-2). 9 ran. 1¾l; hd. Harry Eustace. T: £7.50; £1.60, £1.10, £1.70. Ex: £17.50. Trifecta: £97.20. CF: £12.26. NR: Last Dandelion.

3.33: 1 CHARLES MORIN P Bradley (9-2); **2 Someone's Wish** (11-1); **3 Fighting Poet** (10-1). 10 ran (Pride Eye 11-4 fav). 1¼l; ns. P Phelan. T: £5.90; £1.70, £3.30, £3.10. Ex: £64.90. Trifecta: £472.30. CF: £54.50.

4.08: 1 PERFECT RULER M Ghiani (11-4); **2 Brenkov Mccrew** (25-1); **3 My Old Mate** (10-11 fav). 7 ran. 1¼l; 1l. M Botti. T: £4; £1.70, £7.10. Ex: £67.30. Trifecta: £149. CF: £51.75.

4.45: 1 HOLD THE PRESS M Ghiani (40-1); **2 Victory Sound** (4-1); **3 Coiled** (150-1). 12 ran (Edergole's Gift 3-1 fav). 1¾l; ¾l. J R Jenkins. T: £42.30; £5.80, £1.70, £16.70. Ex: £378.50. Trifecta: £4243.60. CF: £200.83.

5.20: 1 ROVINIA M Ghiani (5-6 fav); **2 Vitalline** (11-1); **3 Ruiz** (80-1). 10 ran. 1¾l; 1¼l. R Teal. T: £1.84; £1.10, £2.80, £12.50. Ex: £10.60. Trifecta: £410.50. CF: £12.04. NR: Megaphone.

5.52: 1 BALON D'OR P Bradley (7-2); **2 Happier** (3-1); **3 Dashing Donkey** (5-2 fav). 9 ran. hd; nk. S Dow. T: £5.10; £1.50, £1.20, £2.40. Ex: £21.10. Tricast: £31.32. Trifecta: £81.80. CF: £15.07. NR: Porfin.

6.22: 1 VON KROLOCK C Howarth (6-1); **2 My Mate Kev** (9-4 fav); **3 Chasing Gold** (4-1). 8 ran. 2¼l; 1¾l. James Owen. T: £7; £1.10, £1.40, £1.60. Ex: £23.50. Tricast: £61.36. Trifecta: £64.90. CF: £20.24. NR: Unico.
PLACEPOT: £550.70
QUADPOT: £204.80

ROSCOMMON
Going: Good to yielding-yielding in places

5.10: 1 HEXAGONAL Reese Holohan (4-1); **2 Kakori** (7-1); **3 She's Ideal** (5-4 fav). 10 ran. nk; 2¼l. D Hogan. T: £5.20; £2.20, £2, £1.10. Ex: £41. Trifecta: £149.90. CF: £33.52. NR: Loingseoir.

5.45: 1 CASHEL QUEEN Paddy Harnett (4-1); **2 Luca Brillante** (8-1); **3 Eighteenth Smiles** (17-2). 12 ran (Someday Somewhere 85-40 fav). nk; 2¼l. Donnacha O'Brien. T: €5; €2.90, €2.60, €2.40. Ex: €38.70. Trifecta: €192.20. CF: €37.85.

6.15: 1 EMOTIONAL HEDGING G F Carroll (15-2); **2 Seven Nation Army** (9-4 fav); **3 Oristown Boy** (7-2). 8 ran. 1¾l; ¾l. G Cromwell. T: €8.50; €1.90, €1.40, €1.40. Ex: €27.20. Trifecta: €121.10. CF: €25.92. NR: Green Dreamer.

6.45: 1 SAVE THE SIXES S Foley (16-1); **2 Divine Legend** (22-1); **3 Dandymaria** (80-1). 15 ran (Flower Forest 2-1 jtfav, Almeiyda 2-1 jtfav). hd; 2¼l. J Harrington. T: €24.70; €4.70, €5.30, €15.40. Ex: €823. Trifecta: Not won. CF: €332.33. NR: Ballysax Boo, Quinta Girl, Susie's Angel.

7.15: 1 SAGASTI C T Keane (28-1); **2 Cool Azul** (11-2); **3 Thenandnow** (9-1). 14 ran (Contrary To Law 7-2 jtfav, Earls 7-2 jtfav). 1¼l; 3¼l. M O'Callaghan. T: €37.50; €8.30, €2.30, €3.10. Ex: €327.60. Tricast: €1590.12. Trifecta: €5930.10. CF: €180.13. NR: Engines On, Flaming Rib, Java Wood, Perfect Base.

7.45: 1 MAGNUM COR D Browne McMonagle (evens fav); **2 Almazann** (5-4); **3 Possum** (28-1). 14 ran. 1¾l; ¾l. J P O'Brien. T: €2; €1.10, €1.10. €6.70. Ex: €3.10. Trifecta: €35.50. CF: €2.88. NR: Daily Wonder, Purple Bandit.

8.15: 1 FIANNA J J Ryan (14-1); **2 Lady Plimsoll** (7-2 jtfav); **3 Summer Snow** (14-1); **4 Yquem** (6-1). 16 ran (Coulstys Way 7-2 jtfav). 1¼l; 2¼l; nk. A A Howard. T: €19.10; €2.80, €1.40, €3.90, €2.20. Ex: €113.50. Tricast: €758. Trifecta: Not won. CF: €66.27. NR: Autocrat, Piatra Neamt.
PLACEPOT: €2,348.40

WOLVERHAMPTON
Going: Standard

5.30: 1 FRANSCHHOEK Kaiya Fraser (8-15 fav); **2 Saifo** (9-4); **3 Astrid** (33-1). 6 ran. nk; 3¾l. J Fanshawe. T: £1.54; £1.10, £1.30. Ex: £2.20. Trifecta: £8.80. CF: £2.02.

6.00: 1 JAVELOT S De Sousa (evens fav); **2 Peaberry** (4-1); **3 L B Double U** (4-1). 12 ran. nk; 3¾l. M Botti. T: £2; £1.10, £1.50, £2.60. Ex: £5.60. Trifecta: £15.50. CF: £5.89.

6.30: 1 SPACEMAN Oisin Orr (2-1 fav); **2 Inside Story** (3-1); **3 Padua** (14-1). 9 ran. 1¾l; shd. R & P Fahey. T: £3; £1.40, £1.30, £3.50. Ex: £9.70. Tricast: £65.60. Trifecta: £66.30. CF: £8.60. NR: Haaderr.

7.00: 1 GOLDIE TRICKETT David Egan (13-2); **2 Sunshine And Roses** (5-1); **3 Albertini Star** (22-1). 9 ran (Samra Star 2-1 fav). 3¼l; 2½l. J Chapple-Hyam. T: £8.40; £2.10, £1.80, £4. Ex: £40.90. Tricast: £681.43. Trifecta: £653. CF: £37.93. NR: Sailor's Return.

7.30: 1 FIZZY CRISTAL W Fentiman (10-1); **2 Acclaimed Freedom** (11-10 fav); **3 Escape Plan** (25-1). 8 ran. nk; 1½l. R & P Fahey. T: £11; £2, £1.10, £3.20. Ex: £23.20. Tricast: £286.85. Trifecta: £89.70. CF: £22.

8.00: 1 HEROICS O Murphy (5-4 fav); **2 Flash Kozo** (7-2); **3 Dance Time** (8-1). 9 ran. ¾l; 1¾l. A King. T: £2.25; £1.20, £1.90, £2.10. Ex: £7.20. Tricast: £25.24. Trifecta: £47.30. CF: £5.73.
PLACEPOT: £26
QUADPOT: £18.90